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# *Community Pride Reporter*

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*The newspaper for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and  
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*VOL. 3, Number 3*

*October - November, 1995*

*The Editors of the Community Pride Reporter urge you to*

# **VOTE NO on #1**

**Mainers to decide the fate of civil  
rights for sexual minorities,  
Tuesday, November 7**

**Special election issue featuring  
excerpts from past issues, p 2-7**



# CPR's Greatest Hits

by Bruce Balboni, Managing Editor

Over the past year and a half the "Community Pride Reporter," (CPR), has closely covered virtually every aspect of Concerned Maine Families' (CMF) campaign to deny civil rights to gay and lesbian people. Because we were fortunate enough to be the beneficiary of secret information, provided by an employee of CMF, we were able to break several stories and to reveal information that no other media organization in Maine had. CPR provided the mainstream media with all of this information, immediately after we ran it, and none of them chose to pick up on it.

Because of the volume of the information and because CPR is a monthly, we had to release the news gradually. Now that the referendum is upon us (November 7) we are condensing the most important stories and re-issuing them together in this pre-election special. We believe this perspective will give a more complete picture of CMF's deceptions, lies and cynical

political strategy.

These stories establish many important facts about CMF, including the extent to which Carolyn Cosby, Chairperson, and Lawrence Lockman, Vice-chair, are controlled and directed by out-of-state people, namely, Bruce Fein of Virginia and Tony Marco of Colorado.

Often, political opponents will gain a grudging respect for one another because they will come to recognize the integrity and sincerity of their foe. No such process has occurred in this case. In fact, the opposite has happened, as we have witnessed the ease with which Cosby and Lockman employ lies, hypocrisy and bigotry to further their so-called "cause."

As Cosby has attempted to use the gay rights issue as a stepping stone to political power, she has come to rely on a series of lies, the exposure of which strike at the very foundation of her efforts. There are many lies, here are the most important:

Chief lie #1: That CMF began

their anti-gay crusade for the purpose of protecting civil rights laws and not as an attack on gays and lesbians - this is NOT TRUE!!

- During the signature phase of CMF's campaign, they distributed brochures in which the most disgusting statements were made about homosexual behavior.

Chief lie #2: That the Diversity Commission, and gays and lesbians in general, seek some form of gay 'affirmative action' - this is NOT TRUE!!

Both Lockman and Cosby know that the FINAL REPORT of the Diversity Commission does not even mention such a proposal and further, that in none of the states (New Jersey, Wisconsin, Massachusetts, California, Rhode Island, Vermont, Connecticut, Hawaii, Minnesota) that have enacted civil rights protections for gays and lesbians has there been any call for gay 'affirmative action.' Also, no one in Portland, Maine, where there is a civil rights law for gays and lesbians, has ever called for affirmative action.

Chief lie #3: (perhaps the most insidious) That hate crimes against gays and lesbians are not a serious problem in Maine - this is NOT TRUE!! Hate crimes have increased here alarmingly. Lockman in particular has made this argument. How many beatings are enough to constitute a problem?

Cosby's and Lockman's true nature is revealed in the following pages. CPR has consistently shown the chasm between their public statements, which call for civil debate, and their private bigotry.

If you have already decided to vote "No" on Question 1, please show this issue of CPR to someone who is undecided. Feel free to make (or take) copies of this CPR and distribute it at your school, job, church, neighborhood store etc., - wherever it will reach people who are undecided.

We believe this compilation of material provides a devastating image of CMF, one that leaves no room for indecision. VOTE NO on 1. ΔΔ

## Anti-gay Coalition forms to support referendum

Cosby shunned as national groups take center stage in referendum battle

Paul Volle, Executive Director of the Maine Christian Coalition, said Madore wants the referendum taken away from Cosby because Madore feels

that Cosby is not a credible person. Volle added, "If you really stop and think about it they (CMF) have some real ethical problems going on with their fi-

nances and how they got the signatures from the standpoint... they were trying to tell the general public and the media that it's not a gay rights issue but when they were going out and collecting the signatures they were saying, 'Stop the gay rights in the state and overturn the gay rights in Portland.' So it was one way to one group and another way to a different group. I don't think that's an honest perspective. When is she lying? I don't want to be associated with an effort like that."

Commenting on the most recent death threat Cosby received Volle said, "It's another way to get media attention." Volle said that years ago, when Cosby was involved in slandering legislative candidate Robin Lambert, she claimed to have received a death threat then.

Summer, 1995



Paul Madore of Lewiston heads up CESR, a new coalition supporting the anti-gay referendum.

## COME OUT WITH PRIDE '96

by Michael Rossetti

Mr. Bob Finley, a salesman from Montana, took his pick-up truck down a little used short-cut in northern Idaho during one of last winter's snows. Unfortunately, he got stuck in about 2 feet of drift and simply sat in his vehicle till he died of starvation and exposure. We know this because some nine weeks later, another set of stranded motorists found Mr. Finley's remains and his dozens of letters to family and friends extolling his faith in his rescue.

Mr. Finley's faith may have been admirable but his assumption that it was somebody else's job to get him out of his predicament kept him from walking just a mile down the only snowy stretch of that mountain road to relief at a country store and a further opportunity to enjoy the things and people he so loved.

The analogy for gays and lesbians is that we can't expect to be rescued by "gay rights" as a substitute for our own

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**SPECIAL GUESTS**  
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## INSIDE

## CMF

JUNE, 1995

### Former volunteer of Concerned Maine Families tells what it was like in Cosby's inner circle.

by Bruce Balboni, Managing Editor

Q: What was it like being there? Give me an example of what you're talking about.

A: Well, whenever they talked about the Community Pride Reporter (CPR) it was always negative. They made fun of the pictures in the paper and they made crude comments about them.

Q: How would you describe the tone of voice?

A: Sarcastic, making fun, judging. Carolyn's favorite response was that everyone needed to be mothered. If everyone was mothered properly, then nobody would be gay.

Suzen described what it was like at Cosby's which is also CMF's headquarters.

They would have these hideous laughing sessions in which they would make jokes about 'fags' and 'homos' and lesbians, often referring to Pat Peard (President of the Maine Civil Liberties

act like sissies. David Cosby remembered a boy he had gone to school with who was a sissy and because of that he was picked on by the others. They tried to 'shape him up,' but since he wasn't like them they made him an outcast.

David boasted that the boy did 'shape up' and said that if children were allowed to take care of problems like this themselves, while they were young, they could eliminate the problem of homosexuals before they became adults.

I got to a point where I didn't even want to hear her voice anymore because everything she was saying was just so negative, what damage she wanted to do next, her 'plan of attack.'

Q: What does Carolyn think about AIDS?

A: Reap what you sow - she said it was God's punishment to those who dwell in things they shouldn't be dwelling in. It's God's way of punishing gays. She quotes Sodom and Gomorrah. She doesn't feel sorry for anyone who gets AIDS except for the innocent people, like the wife of the husband who didn't tell her or hemophiliacs, people like that, it's not their fault. She blames the gays for giving it to the innocent people. In her opinion the homosexual life-style is evil.

Q: What was Carolyn like as a person? What were the kinds of things that made her laugh or cry?

A: I never saw her cry. She was very concerned with appearances. Once when I was going to be in public at a press conference. She told me not to wear a male power dress, not anything that would make me look like a man, no two-piece dress suits.

Her idea was to be more subordinate and to appeal to people to feel sorry for her and to capture their vote that way and have them say, 'Oh, you're just these lovely Christian people and you're right and look at these other people, the way they are dressed and their attitude.'

Q: What was the thing you liked about her the most?

A: . . . She has a lot of energy. But when I realized how negative it all



Suzen said that working for Carolyn Cosby was very stressful because of Cosby's negativism and arrogance.



Carolyn Cosby with Lawrence Lockman, her vice-chairperson. Cosby conforms to her own dress code in this photo. So does Lockman.



Pat Peard in what Cosby describes as a "male power suit."

Union (MCLU) and attorney for Maine Won't Discriminate (MWD)) who, they said, resembled a man. They laughed a lot about the cartoon showing Angus King, "Looking Faggy."

One time during a dinner with Carolyn, David and Jonathan Malmude, they started talking about children who

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personal efforts to get out of our individual versions of Mr. Finley's pick-up truck, i.e. the closet.

Further, "Gay Rights" legislation or defeating anti-gay legislation can not assist one not prepared to allow their family, friends, and co-workers at least some glimpse of one's lesbian or gay life.

In the larger world, absolutely no progress toward equal rights for gays and lesbians will occur until a critical mass of our community have made the effort at

coming out. Simply pretending to be a concerned advocate against discrimination only sustains the invisibility of our community and is self-defeating.

It is not easy, but time and again it has proven that all the hatred and bigotry spread by every single anti-gay organization and years of misunderstandings can be dimmed with simple honest words between friends or family.

Over the year's the Portland Pride See PRIDE, page 7



## Which Witch is which?

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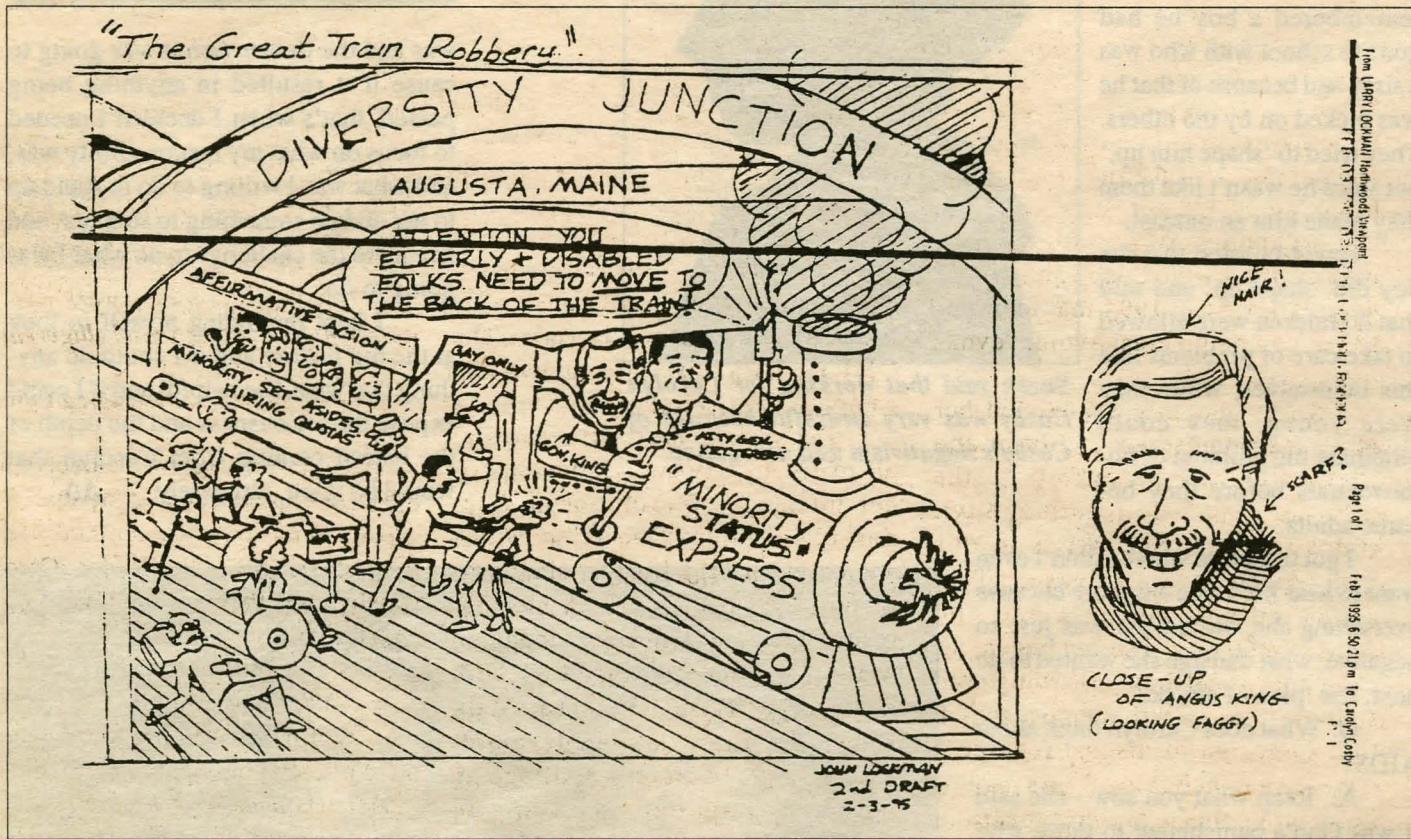
Contest Will Start At Midnight  
All Contestants Must Be Registered Before 11:00 PM.





# "Principled and Civil Debate" . . . or Undercover Hate?

MAY, 1995



by Bruce Balboni, Managing Editor

The characterization of Governor King as "Looking Faggy" again highlights the difference between CMF's call for "principled and civil debate" and their private bigotry. This disparity was made clear in CPR's last issue in which we reported Jonathan Malmude, Professor at St. Joseph's College and Advisor to CMF, as saying, "Have a great day, Punch out a gay!"

The purpose of this cartoon by J. Lockman shows CMF's desire to encourage fear and hatred amongst and between Maine's handicapped, elderly, racial and homosexual communities. Even though it has never been shown that granting equal rights to one groups denies equal rights to any other group, Carolyn Cosby, Chairperson of CMF continues to spread this particular lie in hopes of gaining support for her anti-equal rights amendment. ΔΔ

This is the complete drawing of "The Great Train Robbery," by John Lockman, brother of CMF's Vice-chairman, Lawrence Lockman. A version of this cartoon, without the drawing of Governor King "Looking Faggy," appeared in the Spring 1995 issue of Concerned Maine Families' tabloid "The Maine Event."

## Titus case goes before Board of Nursing in December

by Bruce Balboni, Managing Editor

The Board of Nursing decided at its regularly scheduled October 19 meeting to invite Sandy Titus to appear in person before them, December 13, 1995, to answer questions regarding the complaint lodged against her by Marg Wolters, former Executive Director of Peabody House. Titus said she's glad to talk to them, adding, "I'd love to talk to anybody about the facts in this thing . . . I welcome the opportunity to speak to the Board about my nursing practice. I have nothing to hide. In fact, I'm very proud of my practice. I don't want it to be glossed over, as if to say, 'Oh, there's

nothing here.' It's too public."

Jean Caron, Executive Director of the Board of Nursing said, "The Board reviewed all the material it had before it yesterday (Thursday, October 19, 1995). It felt that it needed more clarification regarding some of the materials and there were a few questions they wanted Sandy to answer, so they have scheduled her for an informal conference in December. An informal conference is a method by which the Board, rather than hold a public hearing, can hold a conference in executive session (not open to the public) and it's kind of like a fact-



Photo by Studio 101

Sandy Titus, R.N. hugs a friend at the Monument Square rally, August 10, held to demonstrate support for her in the wake of a complaint made to the Board of Nursing about her care of Peabody House clients. The Portland Police have cleared her of wrongdoing.

finding mission, if you will."

Caron said the 9 member Board seldom holds public hearings. They find the informal conference method much more efficient. The complainants will be requested to attend but the Board reads nothing into the fact that a complainant does not appear. A public hearing has subpoena power.

The Portland Police have contacted Caron and told her that their investigation of Titus revealed no criminal wrong-

doing. Caron said the police decision affects the Board's investigation only as it relates, specifically, to the police allegations of criminal misconduct, there are other allegations which would come under the Nurse Practice Act, not the criminal code. The dropping of charges by the police does not exonerate Titus in the eyes of the Board. ΔΔ



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### Videos and Safer Sex For men only . . .

PORTLAND: The AIDS Project in Portland is sponsoring a new open discussion group each Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Videos and Safer Sex is free and open to gay, bi and questioning men of all ages at the TAP offices located at 142 High Street, Suite #601.

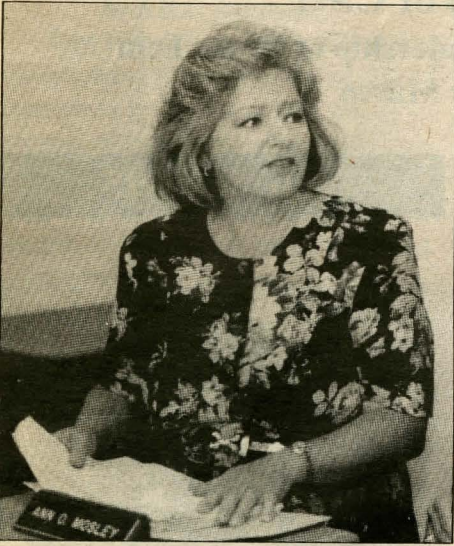
This safe and confidential educational group will focus on safer sex today, barriers to safer activity and skills development for healthier choices. Join this new community drop-in-group and share your stories with other concerned men. For more information, contact John H. at 774-6877. ΔΔ



April/May 1995

## Power struggle emerges amongst Maine's radical right groups

Volle calls Cosby "belligerent" and says anti-equal rights referendum is unconstitutional



Carolyn Cosby's call for "civil debate" is subject to question

### Carolyn Cosby attempts to retain control of her "movement"

by Bruce Balboni

In correspondence to the Christian Civic League, Cosby has insisted that the efforts to deny equal rights to homosexuals be led by her, and her alone. In a letter dated 12/13/94 Cosby writes, "As I discussed with Mike (Mike Heath, Executive Director of the Christian Civic League) earlier today, CCL's participation to an extent that would elevate CCL's voice to a cooperative partnership role in the Maine campaign would mean a coordinated campaign. And that we believe, necessitates agreeing on central leadership."

The Christian Civic League refuses to accept Cosby's demand that CCL recognize the control of their movement by Tony Marco and

Bruce Fein. Marco is leader and founder of the failed, Colorado Amendment 2 and Bruce Fein is the high-priced lawyer from Virginia who is running CMF's political campaign. Fein told Cosby in a letter dated August 18, 1994 that their political campaign must avoid, "evoking passions."

Cosby quickly abandoned her attack on homosexual behavior and tried to elevate her efforts to the plane of a "debate regarding civil rights issues." She writes in this most recent press release, "This campaign will not be a bait and switch campaign. Having begun our campaign as a debate regarding civil rights issues, we will not now switch to a campaign of disgust regarding gay sexual behavior." As usual, however, in this denial lies the truth. CMF did indeed begin their campaign as an attack on gay sexual behavior and only recently switched to a legalistic approach on the advice of Fein. If one examines the CMF brochure distributed throughout Maine during the signature gathering phase of their campaign (spring and summer of 1994) one clearly sees the attack on behavior.

Cosby's brochure entitled, "What's Wrong with Special Gay Rights? You be the Judge!" includes

the following passages: "... gays engage in deviant sexual behaviors like anal intercourse, fisting (inserting a fist or entire arm into a partner's rectum); urinating or defecating on partners; sadomasochism; even ingesting feces and urine." The brochure goes on in this vein. The CMF campaign is a bait and switch campaign in reverse.

Perhaps the most outrageous of all of Cosby's absurd statements is her infamous, "Resolution in Support of Principled Debate" in which she calls for "the highest standards of political discourse." A member of her Board of Advisors, Jonathan Malmude, recently appeared with her on the WMPG-FM radio talk show "Big Talk." Malmude, a professor at St. Joseph's College in Standish is quoted as saying to Cosby, just after the show, "Have a great day, punch out a gay." They laughed. What Cosby and her henchmen say in private belies their public statements.

So much for Cosby's "commitment to take the moral high ground."

**"Have a great day,  
Punch out a gay!"**

— Jonathan Malmude  
CMF Board of Advisors  
Professor, St. Joseph's College



Photo by Andy Newman, courtesy Carco Bay Weekly

Paul Volle says he cannot work with Carolyn Cosby. She's too belligerent.

by Bruce Balboni, Managing Editor

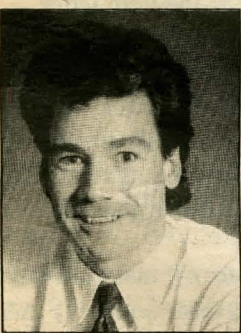
CPR: What degree of involvement does your organization (Christian Coalition) have with Concerned Maine Families (CMF), its leader, Carolyn Cosby, and their referendum against equal rights?

VOLLE: None whatsoever.

CPR: Why is that?

VOLLE: Well, the issue at hand here is a constitutional issue. Our organization believes that the referendum is the wrong way to go because the referendum, in our opinion, will be unconstitutional because it's trying to limit the state constitution by statutory action. In other words, what appears to be happening from the referendum is that the referendum is trying to put a muzzle on the state legislature from doing its job, that it's constitutionally mandated to do. No matter how you feel about an issue... the end doesn't justify the means. AA

## MONEY TALK: It's that time again!



by Peter J.  
Callnan, CPA

Yes, believe it or not, its time to do tax planning for 1995. I realize that the year hasn't ended yet and personal returns don't need

to be filed until April 15, 1996, but the time to do tax planning is before the calendar year ends, not after.

Remember, the key to tax planning is to time recognition of income and deductible expenses to minimize taxable income and related tax liability. Consider doing a projection of your year end return by estimating what income and expenses will be for 1995. Start with your 1994 return as a guide. Review its information and compile the similar information for 1995. Where you don't have accurate information use a best guess; it's better than using nothing. Once you've done this, stop and consider what has changed for you finan-

cially in 1995. Did you have new expenses or income? Can you itemize this year? Did you buy a home? Do you have a new dependent? Did you start a new business? Checking into the changes is where you have a real opportunity to find tax savings. Look for ways to postpone the recognition of income or accelerate the recognition of deductible expenses if you're in a high tax bracket. This is a legitimate way to minimize your tax liability.

Here are a few of the 1995 changes to assist you:

Personal exemption amount is \$2,500

Standard deductions are:

Single - \$3,900

Married Joint - \$6,550

Head of Household - \$5,750

Single Federal Tax Brackets are:

15% up to \$23,350 taxable income - 28% above that to \$56,550 - 31% above that to \$117,950 and if your taxable income is above that you should be using a qualified tax preparer. Other filing brackets have changed as well, but I

won't go into those here.

If you find projecting taxable income for 1995 difficult and feel your tax situation has changed significantly, con-

sider seeing a qualified tax preparer for a planning meeting. They can help pull the information together and offer some suggestions on how best to minimize your tax liability. Good Luck! AA

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## Concerned Maine Families charges conspiracy, corruption and scandal in the Attorney General's office

By: Bruce Balboni, Managing Editor  
Concerned Maine Families (CMF)  
has begun their political campaign for

January, 1995



Steve Wessler, Asst. AG, assured the public that AG's office will continue vigorous enforcement of the law despite CMF's irresponsible charges.

the November 1995 referendum against human rights with a volley of charges aimed at the Diversity Commission and the Attorney General's Office. CMF called a press conference, January 9, in Augusta.

The two most serious charges are that the Attorney General's office inflates hate crime statistics to further an alleged plot between the AG and the so-called "militant gay lobby," and that this data was manipulated so as to provide the Diversity Commission with a basis for supporting some form of gay affirmative action. Herein, CMF alleges, lies the conspiracy.

Steve Wessler, Assistant Attorney General in charge of hate crime prosecution, said that CMF's claims that the Attorney General's office inflates hate crime statistics is "just plain wrong." He added, "It's hard to know how to respond to something so ridiculous. We are law enforcement officers, we are

lawyers and we work with investigators and we work with police officers to enforce the laws of the state of Maine."

CPR asked Assistant Attorney General Wessler if there was something he could say to the gay, lesbian and bisexual community to calm their fears in the wake of CMF's deceitful charges. Wessler said, "Our office is committed to enforcing the civil rights laws as they apply to all minorities, including gays and lesbians, and we will continue taking reports on hate crimes from anybody who's been a victim or witness to an act of hate, bias or prejudice, and from law enforcement so that nothing that occurred yesterday [at the Press Conference] regarding CMF has changed anything about the Attorney General's commitment to receive complaints and to



Carolyn Cosby, Chairperson, CMF, begins the battle for her anti-human rights referendum with series of charges labeled "ridiculous" by all concerned.

bring enforcement actions under the Maine Civil Rights Act when necessary". ΔΔ

## CPR obtains documents proving out-of-state leadership of CMF

Cosby acknowledges leadership of Bruce Fein and Tony Marco

March, 1995

by Bruce Balboni, Managing Editor

At the outset of the signature gathering campaign to place an anti-gay referendum question on the 1995 ballot, Carolyn Cosby, chair of Concerned Maine Families (CMF), stated vehemently that CMF is an organization 'made in Maine,' i.e. conceived of and led by Mainers as opposed to "those outsiders." She has criticized, just as vehemently, Maine Won't Discriminate (MWD), the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance (MLGPA), and the Maine Civil Liberties Union (MCLU) for enlisting the help of Gay/Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD) based in Boston, to help in this battle.

In a letter to the Christian Civic League (CCL), dated December 13, 1994, Cosby, in responding to the League's offer of assistance, laid out what CCL has to do in order to join CMF. Cosby writes, "We (CMF) underscore both Marco's and Fein's significance because we believe their genius is absolutely critical to future success. And, as we consider a working relationship, the depth of that relationship will depend on our ability to mutually agree on their leadership."

Tony Marco, founder of Colorado for Family Values, is "the architect of Colorado's Amendment 2" and Bruce Fein is the right-wing, constitutional lawyer from Virginia who wrote Cosby's referendum language for \$3250.

### Marco controls Lockman

On January 9, 1995, Tony Marco sent a letter to Lawrence Lockman, Vice-Chairman of CMF in which Marco tells Lockman how to respond to the Maine Diversity Commission's findings. It is Marco who chooses to focus on the September, 1994 draft report of the Diversity Commission rather than the Commission's final report issued in December. Cosby and Lockman held a press conference in Augusta after they received this information from Marco and they repeated word-for-word what Marco told them to say about the Diversity Commission.

Cosby's claim that CMF's effort



Cosby signs her petition last August at Portland City Hall. Her signature symbolically ended CMF's petition drive

to deny homosexuals safety from discrimination is based on her desire to protect the sanctity of civil rights law is contradicted by her acknowledged leader Tony Marco. Marco writes in the "Biblical Critique" that his opposition to gay rights is based on Scripture.

Cosby also quotes verbatim from Fein in various other pieces of CMF literature. For example, in the letter of August 18, 1995, Fein writes, "... there is no plausible argument that the initiative is anti-gay. It is not. It is pro-democracy." A CMF handout contains the statement, "... the Maine campaign is entirely pro-democracy without being anti-gay." There are numerous other examples in this CMF document that are lifted verbatim from the Fein letter.

Cosby's claim that the CMF initiative is not anti-gay is betrayed in her six-page fund-raising letter. In that document Cosby raises all the old stereotypes about homosexuals and Boy Scouts, and homosexuals and schools.

(Editor's Note: All materials were provided by anonymous sources.) ΔΔ

## Q: "So, you're saying gay people don't qualify for civil rights?"

Cosby — "Absolutely! They don't deserve protection.."

September, 1994

by Bruce Balboni, Managing Editor

Carolyn Cosby, leader of Concerned Maine Families (CMF), an extremist group of religious fanatics, delivered their petitions to Portland City Hall, August 12. These petitions are in support of a statewide referendum that would prevent the future inclusion of sexual orientation in the Maine Human Rights Act. If Maine voters approve this referendum (November,

1995), discrimination against homosexuals would be legally permitted.

Considering they use the same rhetoric, Cosby was asked if CMF had any association, whatsoever, with similar groups, such as Colorado for Family Values or the Family Research Council of Washington, D.C.. Cosby replied, "No, we do not, to answer you flatly."

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## Concerned Maine Families sponsors anti-gay lecture in So. Portland

"I tell the homosexual that I love them to throw them off-balance. It's like in Judo. In order to defeat your enemy you must throw them off-balance. My message of love to the gay community is designed with this in mind." These are the words of the Reverend Charles McIlhenny, an evangelical Presbyterian from San Francisco, who spoke Thursday night, April 14, at the Church of the Nazarene on Highland Avenue in South Portland.

In discussing their continuing 17 year fight against "this stuff", McIlhenny said that their fight against the domestic partnerships law was the most successful. He advised the audience that they helped defeat this ordinance because they were able to instill a sense of moral indignation in their supporters, and this was done by using Christ to inspire their supporters against gay people (even though Christ said nothing on



homosexuality). He told them their political struggles would be more successful if they could instill this same sense of "moral indignation."

She concluded her introductory remarks with a joke. She said that McIlhenny wanted to be known as a heteroSOCKSual because he had

trouble putting on the same pair of socks in the morning. "So, how did you do today, Chuck?" she asked.

Mel White quotes a far greater man of God than McIlhenny who spoke to the often disappointing role of the church. "The church at times has preserved that which is immoral

May, 1994

and unethical," Martin Luther King reminded us. "Called to combat social evils, it has remained silent behind stained-glass windows... How often the church has been an echo rather than a voice, a taillight behind the Supreme court rather than a headlight guiding men [sic] progressively and decisively to higher levels of understanding."

In the early days of the civil rights movement Jerry Falwell referred to Dr. King by saying, "Preachers are not called to be politicians." Falwell opposed the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and in subsequent years was a lonely voice asking for understanding for South Africa's apartheid system.

Such is the nature of Carolyn Cosby and Concerned Maine Families. ΔΔ

### PRIDE from page 3

committees have been composed of people whose first step at the coming out process was a local Pride event.

In light of National Coming Out day it can still be said that there is nothing that compares in focusing on the visibility of being out like Pride events across the U.S.. Pride event participation doesn't necessarily mean shouting slogan's on Congress Street, nor responding to the media for the 6 o'clock news. Attempting to create a truly inclusive, supportive and fun community event has many parts and volunteer opportunities for all stages of the closet exiting adventure.

As Portland Pride approaches its Tenth year anniversary in 1996 there's great opportunities to dismantle those dreadful closets by working on the Parade, Pride Fest, exhibits, Dance, or other events. One need only show up to a regularly announced committee meeting (check CPR or postering), to involve oneself or an organization in freeing gay and lesbian people through celebration of community.

Please, don't end up another Mr. Finley. ΔΔ

### 'OutLOUD Against Discrimination' gets MPBN to air "The Question of Equality"

by Bruce Balboni, Managing Editor

"The Question of Equality" is a four-part documentary film series detailing the history of the gay and lesbian civil rights movement. The Independent Television Service (ITVS) made the series available to the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) during the month of October in conjunction with National Coming Out Day (October 11) and National Lesbian and Gay History Month (October).

Originally, Maine Public Broadcasting Network (MPBN) had no plans to air the series claiming not to know about it. Through the determined efforts of Dave Garrity, media contact for OutLOUD Against Discrimination, MPBN aired the series, October 17, 18, 24 and 25 at 10:00 pm.

Garrity lobbied Rob Gardiner, President of MPBN, and other officials at the network and succeeded in getting them to air the shows. OutLOUD is-

sued the following press release, October 12:

Late last Wednesday - on October 11th, National Coming Out Day - Bernie Rosetti, Director of Television Services for Maine Public Broadcasting, announced the preemption of scheduled programming on MPTV's "Plus" stations in order to air this special series of programs in its entirety before the upcoming vote on Question 1. Mr. Rosetti responded to requests from gay and lesbian viewers and to a positive dialogue he and Harry Wiest, Programming Director, held with Dave Garrity for OutLOUD. "It is always our purpose to provide as much information as we possibly can to increase the public's understanding of important issues such as this," explained Mr. Rosetti. "That's what public television is all about." OutLOUD hails Mr. Rosetti's efforts and urges everyone to watch this important series. ΔΔ

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## Huge Rally in Monument Square signals countdown to victory!



Over 1,000 people attended a rally in Portland's Monument Square, Saturday, October 7. Tim Sample hosted the event which featured speakers Urvashi Vad and Tom Andrews. Maine Won't Discriminate organized the rally using it as the kick-off for a literature drop throughout the city of Portland. Volunteers delivered thousands of pieces of "No on 1" literature to every household in the city.

Tom Andrews, President of People for the American Way, told the over 1,000 member crowd "In this referendum we are up against hatred, bigotry and the politics of poison and we're going to say 'No' to it all in November." He reminded everyone that the nation is watching how Maine will decide the issue. Andrews warned the crowd that the forces of hatred, poison and bigotry are highly organized. He alerted them by saying, "They are working out there in those communities spreading their poison, their hate, their bigotry and their discrimination and the ugly fact of the matter is that they have been successful."



Urvashi Vad, prominent leader in the struggle for civil rights for lesbians and gays, told the crowd that, "if the referendum passes discrimination will be allowed." She echoed a theme Cosby raised months ago when she (Vad) said, "Our opponents argue that some people are more deserving of civil rights than other people. Well I believe and I hope all of you believe that that's wrong. All people are deserving of civil rights."

### All Balboni Photos



Tim Sample hosted the rally. Introducing Tom Andrews Sample said, "I can say with conviction that there is no individual that I have ever met with more personal integrity than Tom Andrews"



Little Amber says, "Carolyn Cosby has things all upside down."

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### Walt Whitman hosts open party

PORTLAND: The Walt Whitmans are planning a special post-election evening for all gay, lesbian and bi people on Sunday evening, November 12, 1995. The Mariners Church Banquet Center (on Market at Fore Street) is booked from 5 to 9 pm, they've arranged for some serious dance music (Motown and seventies' disco), and burgers, salad & fries. Unlike other Whitman events, you've already been invited—butches and femmes of any sex or gender.

The \$10 admission price includes food and soft drinks; there will be a cash bar.

The Walt Whitman Dining Society held its first dinner last April and it's still growing by leaps and bounds. It's a diverse bunch of men who socialize over a meal every month or two. They have no speeches, agendas or politics at all. Men of all ages are welcome, but it is safe to say that most are over thirty. WWDS isn't really an organization. It exists only as a list of names and a planning committee, to which new volun-

teers and ideas are always welcome. There have been a number of misunderstandings about the Walt Whitman Dining Society. Some people thought it was restricted or exclusive. The truth is that they just started with the names and addresses of people they already knew. Any "member" can bring friends to any event and add men to the mailing list at any time.

Every other event is high priced and dressy. After all, some men want the chance to show off a new outfit once in a while. The rest of the events are informal and inexpensive.

Some people have questioned the all-male nature of the group. Some may have thought that the purpose of WWDS was to be separate from women—rather than to bond and be closer with men. Women-only events have been nothing new for years now. Were this a group with political intentions, maybe there could be a basis for concern.

"Whichever way the vote goes, gay

See Walt Whitman, page 9



Sparky, mascot of the "No on 1" campaign has a message for Carolyn Cosby.

"Grrrrrrrr - expletive deleted - bow wow wow - you mean, she wants to arrest me for licking my balls in public?"



# The AIDS Project's Executive Director resigns

## Deborah Shields resigns suddenly after 2 1/2 year tenure

Shield's resignation follows in the wake of resignations by Terry Dubois, Staff Accountant, Doreen Merrill, Administrative Assistant and John Bean, Case Manager



Photo by Bruce Balboni

**Leo LaPlante, President of the Board of Directors of The AIDS Project, here addressing the Blue Cross/Blue Shield kick-off party for TAP's 10th anniversary celebration, Spring '95.**

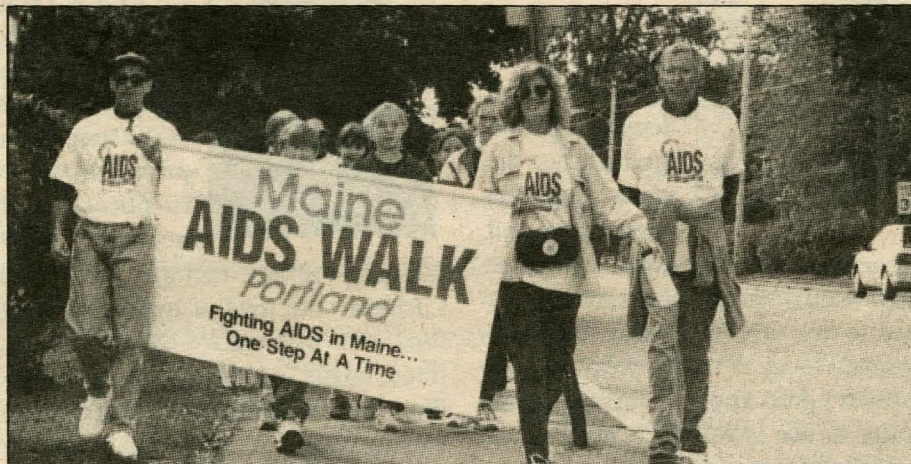
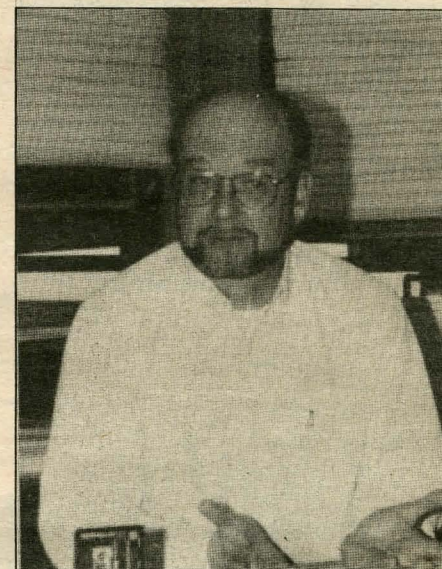


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**Deborah Shields, former Executive Director of TAP, helps to carry the AIDS WALK banner in an effort to fundraise for the agency.**



**Paul Draper named as Acting Executive Director for 3 months**

by Bruce Balboni, Managing Editor  
Deborah Shields, The AIDS Project's (TAP) Executive Director, resigned, October 18. Her resignation, combined with the other three, constitutes a loss of one fourth of TAP's staff. President of TAP's Board of Directors, Leo LaPlante, issued the following press release:

"Leo J. LaPlante, President of the Board of Directors of The AIDS Project (TAP), announced today (October 18, 1995) that Paul Draper has been appointed Acting Executive Director of TAP following the resignation of Deborah Shields, Esq., to pursue other interests.

"Draper has been serving as Development Director of The AIDS Project since February, 1994. He joined TAP after serving as a development officer in educational institutions since 1982 and as an educator and senior administrator in education throughout his career.

"Both LaPlante and Draper state, 'TAP's commitment to its clients and the Southern Maine community remains unchanged during this transition in leadership. Our focus is always to maintain and improve upon the resources available to those whose lives are touched by HIV/AIDS.'

"The AIDS Project, currently commemorating its Tenth Anniversary, is a non-profit organization based in Portland, Maine, committed to a comprehensive and compassionate response to people living with HIV/AIDS. The largest AIDS service organization in Maine, The AIDS Project serves Cumberland, York, Androscoggin, and Oxford counties as a leader in HIV prevention, education, advocacy and support services."

### Walt Whitman, from page 8

men and lesbians will need an opportunity to release our feelings and frustrations about this campaign, to come together again as one community and rededicate ourselves to the fight for our future," explained Walt himself. "After all the politics, viciousness, hype, and months of seemingly endless appeals for money, could there be any better way to regroup than a party? NO." ΔΔ

### Resignation Sudden

When asked to comment on the suddenness of Shields' resignation, LaPlante said that was strictly Board information, adding, "All I can say is that we parted as friends and we wish her well." LaPlante said there is an effort underway to have a search committee, comprised of Board members, find a new Executive Director and that Draper is appointed for a three month period.

Susan Tremblay, Associate Development Director at TAP, said, "Deborah Shields cared and still cares a lot about the HIV community here in Maine. I'm sorry to see her go but I am committed to the mission of The AIDS Project and am staying very focused on my work."

A Board member who spoke on condition of anonymity said that Shields was informed that the results of a staff evaluation included negative feedback regarding 'leadership skills.' The Board of Directors consists of 23 members. There were 14 or 15 members present at the meeting, which did constitute a quorum. A vote was taken to request her resignation, reportedly passing by a very narrow margin. Two members of the Board, Fred Lipp and Mary Atala Lessard, have resigned in protest over Shields' forced resignation. It remains unclear exactly why the Board requested her resignation.

Shields said she and the Board had a difference of vision. She added "It's a terrific agency where the staff really puts its client's interests foremost to the best of their ability given the limited resources." She said the staff are truly dedicated and compassionate people.

Shields is considering her options, but one idea she has is to secure funding to start an AIDS law and policy center. She wants to help train attorneys throughout the state on AIDS legal issues so that lawyers can better serve the needs of people with AIDS. She also wants to continue to do AIDS policy work.

CPR contacted Terry Dubois, Staff

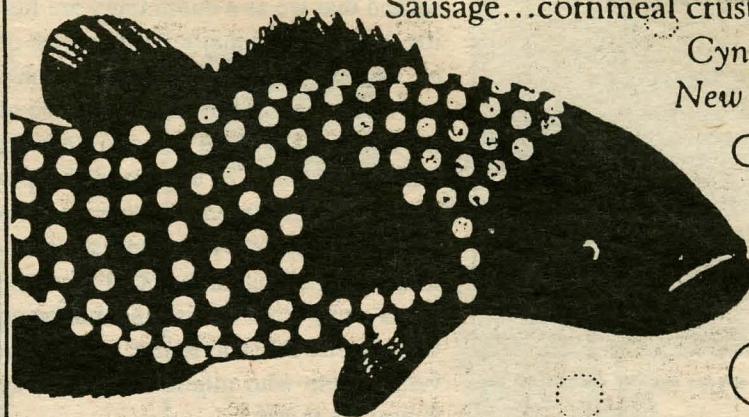
Accountant at TAP for 2 1/2 years, to ascertain his reasons for leaving. Dubois, who resigned before Shields, said, "I resigned my position at the AIDS Project because of philosophical and professional differences over management styles with Ms. Shields. Clearly, TAP is beginning a new chapter, and their focus must remain on the mission. Period." ΔΔ

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# EDITORIAL



In the closing days of the campaign, we all deserve a pat on the back for the work that has been done and the victory that will be won! What more can be said? We all know someone we need to talk to. I'm making that commitment today to talk to people whose position I don't know on this important matter to our lives. How about you? Don't make assumptions. Get people to the polls. We are voting for our lives.

*Winnie Weir*



After following Carolyn Cosby around Maine for the last year and a half, from press conference to photo op, I became very familiar with her rhetoric. She (and Lockman) are fond of hyperbole, very fond. And they use words like, "hijack, fraud, bogus." Cosby writes sentences like, "The militant homosexual lobby is attempting something utterly unprecedented in the history of American politics." Thinking like that

must make her feel important. She seems like a crisis-oriented gal.

I came to know her personality. It reminded me of the Queen of Hearts in "Alice in Wonderland." Cosby really is that type of ridiculous figure who inflates every situation, however ordinary, with bombastic rhetoric to feed her self-importance. And who, at the slightest provocation, would behead an offending underling. I can see her pacing around her kitchen, apron tightly in place and dishrag in hand, seeing visions of Angus King and Pat Peard and muttering, "Off with his/her head!"

*Bruce Balboni*

## Vote NO on question #1 . . .

## It's a matter of justice!

## CPR MAIL BAG

To the Editor:

I would like to write in response to the ongoing salvo of Peabody House bashing in CPR and in various corners of the community. In July of this year, my partner (also named Bill) died at Peabody House. In addition, my practice as a counselor gives me a professional link with Peabody; as I sometimes counsel people with AIDS. I am concerned that we as a community are losing focus on two major points. First of all, Peabody House, with its professional and executive staff, is the best option of its kind in Portland for people with AIDS. Secondly, to engage in this polemic of ill-informed character assassination on the one hand and unconditional side-taking on the other takes the focus away from the real people being victimized by this nonsense, namely the very people who might need Peabody House the most!

AIDS is a horrible disease. In my own experience, there was nothing I could do to stop my partner from dying. Nothing. Where do we go with all the feelings of powerlessness, rage, fear, sadness? I would suggest that a lot of people put their emotional energy into the political in-fighting so often found in the gay community and in the AIDS caregiving community. It makes a great distraction, occupying our attention, distracting us for a time from the psychic pain of total devastation by a relentless

retrovirus. When we fight among ourselves, we begin to serve the disease, rather than the people who have fallen prey to it. Haven't people with AIDS been devastated enough? Do we need to add our fear-mongering assaults?

Bill died at Peabody House in peace and comfort, surrounded by people who loved him and a professional and volunteer staff who supported us every step of the way. . . When we had concerns about Bill's care, the staff responded instantly. What more could we have asked for?

I believe personally and professionally that Peabody House is one of the best facilities of its kind around. It is an excellent option for people with AIDS who are sick and/or at risk of homelessness. It can provide a nurturing, comfortable environment for the living, and a dignified place for the dying. Let's not get side-tracked by the drama of the past. Peabody House is not about dueling nurses, it's about people with AIDS. Let's not get our unhealthy needs met at the expense of people who need Peabody House the most.

Sincerely, Bill Barter, LCPC, Portland

To the Editor:

Several days ago I picked up some disconcerting news on the Internet. A message on Me-Gaynet stated that

"Apex" will no longer publish their paper. CPR is now the only voice for accurate, in-depth, supportive information for the G/L/B/T community. The e-mail message also stated that only 200 copies of the 5,000 that you publish each month are paid for by subscription. In this climate of hatred for our community and the current activity from the radical right in our state, I am now concerned that your paper could also go the way of other G/L/B/T publications of the past.

Please accept this small check of \$25 towards my subscription. It is a very small amount that I believe everyone in the community should spend as an investment in your paper and in being sure that our community continues to have a voice from within the community. Thank you for the work that you do in support of our community and of the truth.

Sincerely, Steve

To the Editor:

I was very disappointed to read the latest piece on Peabody House in your paper and find myself quoted out of context, implying I had been less than honest with your reporter last spring.

I am very unclear about why this happened as I welcomed him to call me at anytime and felt him to be curious and interested in presenting a balanced and researched piece. In fact, I enjoyed speaking with him and felt sure he would be in touch later regarding all the events

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# R A N T ! No on One (So what else?)

by David O. Cook

Well here we go again — another article telling you why you should vote NO on Question #1. Presumably, the readers of this paper will vote NO anyway, and any homosexual who is planning to vote YES is obviously under the influence of a self-deception so enormous as to be impervious to any argument this reporter could make.

It seems to me that CMF's campaign fits in quite well with a growing American appetite for bullying and blaming. The detritus of this national bellicosity are all around us in the form of an increasingly empowered amalgam of radical Christians, para-military groups, and fringe political elements. We have well-known racists chairing Congressional committees, Pentecostal Christians running for the Senate, and neo-Nazis seeking local municipal election, especially in the South. The overall political agenda of America has shifted so far to the right in the last fifteen years that even traditional ultra-conservatives like Barry Goldwater are beginning to sound a cry of alarm. Within this miasma of hate, fear and ignorance, CMF's campaign is not only to be expected, but is a crucial battle in the war between individual rights and the dictatorship of the intolerant.

Of course, CMF denies that Question #1 is based on any kind of bias whatever, let alone homophobia. Hiding behind their image as champions of the downtrodden, CMF portrays Question #1 as preventing the civil rights system from

being hijacked by the "wealthy and powerful militant gay lobby." CMF's contention is that gays want to steal resources and protection from other more deserving minorities, most notably the elderly and the handicapped. Even more laughable, CMF claims that, if Question #1 doesn't pass, then Maine will be flooded by people pretending to be homosexual so that they can cash in on the bounty of gay "special rights."

After attending a recent debate between Concerned Maine Families and Maine Won't Discriminate, I remain unconvinced that CMF's motives are anything more than homophobia. CMF's literature and statements are full of homophobic code-words and one early pamphlet ("Myths and Facts of Homosexuality") was blatant queer-baiting. During the debate, when an audience member asked Professor Malmude (CMF's most intelligent-seeming spokesman) how he viewed historic events in Germany vis a vis Question #1, he displayed sanctimonious outrage at drawing any parallel between The Holocaust and CMF's campaign. Personally, I thought the question was a good one and might have asked how Professor Malmude — a Jew — can be a party to what is just another kind of racism dressed up as civic-mindedness.

With CMF deliberately muddying up the issues, it is tough to remember what's really going on here:

FACT: People are discriminated against every day in Maine because of their sexual orientation or their perceived sexual orientation.

FACT: There is no federal or state law

banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

FACT: If Question #1 fails, there will still be no federal or state law banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

FACT: Portland is the only city in Maine with a local ordinance banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

FACT: If Question #1 passes, Portland's gay rights ordinance will be automatically repealed.

FACT: If Question #1 passes, no laws banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation will be permitted in Maine in the future.

There are few things in a pluralistic society so important as individual rights. Yet Americans show a stubborn tendency toward majoritarian thinking, one manifestation of which is the use of popular referenda to "undo" laws put in place by our government representatives. I suspect that this trend results from the widespread view that our elected officials are ineffective in general and not doing what "we the people" want them to. Maybe so, but ill-conceived referenda don't necessarily lead to better government.

Maine Question #1 was conceived in hate, and dedicated to the proposition that social justice isn't for everyone. Defeating it on November 7th won't make our lives a paradise, but passing it will lead to inestimable long-term misery. Please join all the sensible, decent people on November 7th in kicking the crap out of Question #1. ΔΔ

## MAIL BAG from page 10

and rumors floating around town.

Sadly, he did not call or write me before going to press, nor did he speak with anyone else I know. I am confused to say the least.

Peabody House will continue its mission. I do hope in the future to read more and better researched pieces in your paper, providing the entire community with factual reporting and balanced editorial vision. I'm looking forward to it. I want you to succeed as well as Peabody House.

Sincerely, Mallory Marshall,  
Portland

To the Editor:

Thank you, thank you, thank you! Please send me a copy of CPR. I would like to subscribe if that is possible. I am so pleased to see material with the four topics I feel should be directly related: diversity, acceptance, love and sexuality. I think that people in this area can really benefit from a publication like this.

I am a girl who loves a girl. I don't really label myself. I feel like I am capable of loving in so many different ways, it is impossible to limit myself when I care about someone like I care about my girlfriend. Why should I hold back a good thing?

We attend public school, and I have

been going out with her for 5 months, a lasting and monogamous relationship, for both of us. I'm a sophomore and she's a junior. We are shunned by some, supported by others, and have been through more obstacles and walls than superman during a life span, or so I feel.

I would be interested in writing for your paper. I am taking a journalism class, work for a local town newspaper (town columns, covering some town meetings, and some photography). I am trying to gather experience for the pursuit of a writing career. I don't want to be paid. I just would like to have the opportunity to voice some of my experience and also to lend an ear to the gay, lesbian and transgendered individuals out there. I have a first hand view of what goes on in the life of a girl who loves a girl and doesn't hide it...

Sincerely, Vanessa Morgan

(Editor's note: Vanessa submitted a poem which is reprinted in the OUR VOICE pages of CPR. Check it out!)

*The following letter was sent by The PWA Coalition Board President E. Junia Seamans. CPR is reprinting portions of it to inform our readers of the PWA Coalition's plight.*

I would like to introduce you to some very special people. They are individuals, businesses, churches and

schools who have made it possible over the past few years for the People With AIDS Coalition of Maine to continue to meet the needs of people infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS. They have given of their time, provided items for special events, and made cash donations. They come from all across Maine, and some even as far away as California! The programs they have supported include a Food Pantry, individual Christmas Stockings and publication of "The Scoop" which is the PWA Coalition newsletter.

I write to you today because the People With AIDS Coalition of Maine is facing a severe financial crisis. Our last two major fund-raisers fell far short of our projected goals, and we are unable to meet our daily operating expenses. We have never been in a situation like this, and we may have to close our doors. This is a very hard time of the year for people living with HIV/AIDS. The weather is getting colder, personal expenses are rising, and the holidays are approaching. Without your help, we must close by the end of October.

As we approach the holiday season, we need your support. I ask you to please add your name to the list of persons who each gave in order to make a difference in the lives of many.

Sincerely, E. Junia Seamans.

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Community Pride Reporter serves as a source of local, state, national and international news, information, ideas and opinion by and for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people of Maine and seacoast New Hampshire. CPR strives to increase awareness and acceptance of the rich diversity among us, with the intention of infusing the word community with renewed meaning and vitality. CPR pledges to present materials that contribute in positive ways to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people.

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# OCTOBER - NOVEMBER '95 CALENDAR

## Monday, October 23:

•**Δ 7:00 PM** - Portland Chapter of Maine Won't Discriminate. St. Luke's Cathedral, 143 State St. FMI, 207/780-1333 or 207/761-1788.

•**Δ 7:00-8:00 PM** - Women's Empowerment 16-Step Group, USM Women's Center. FMI, Jana at 772-6599.

## Tuesday, October 24:

•**Δ 5:30-7:30 PM** - Special Reception to celebrate what Maine Won't Discriminate has done and will do in the next two weeks. Sponsored by Cumberland County Chapter of MWD & held at the Pavilion (formerly Benois) on Middle St., Portland. No charge. Food donated by Black Tie Catering, Bella Bella, Katahdin and Tabitha Jeans. Kate Schrock will entertain.

•**Δ 7:30-8:30 PM** - Gay and lesbian AA Meeting at The Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center, 398 Main St., Caribou. FMI, 207/498-2088.

## Wednesday, October 25:

•**Δ 3:00-4:00 PM** - Lesbian and bisexual women's discussion/support group congregates in USM Portland Campus Women's Center, basement of Payson Smith Hall.

•**Δ 6:00-9:00 PM** - First session of one and a half day workshop, "Money in our Lives" led by Lu Bauer, CPA and Money Counselor. Group meets in West Falmouth and concludes on October 28 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. FMI and cost, call 207/797-0466.

•**Δ 7:00-8:30 PM** - Free support group for advocates and supporters of lesbian and gay civil rights. Facilitated by Vivian Wadas and Jewel McHale at Womenspace Counseling Center, 236 Park Ave., Portland. Drop-in to vent and unwind, tell your stories and get nurtured before going back to battle. FMI, Vivian: 774-2403, Jewel: 773-4211.

•**Δ 7:00-9:00 PM** - Women in Harmony choral group rehearsal, Immanuel Baptist Church, 156 High St., Portland. FMI, 207/286-8016 or 207/885-0995.

•**Δ 7:00-9:00 PM** - Northern Lambda Nord Drop-In and Open House at the Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center, 398 Main St., Caribou. FMI, 207/498-2088.

## Thursday, October 26:

•**Δ 7:30-9:00 PM** - The Matlovich Society presents Erika Rand discussing her new book, "Barbie's Queer Accessories." Is Mattel's world of Barbie really a commercial for how great it is to be white, rich, skinny and heterosexual? Ms. Rand is an activist and cultural critic and teaches courses in art history, pop culture and queer studies at Bates College. Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring St., Portland. Accessible to the mobility-impaired, free hotel parking.

## Friday, October 27:

•**Δ 8:00 PM-1:00 AM** - Halloween Masquerade Ball to benefit Maine AIDS Alliance at The Pavilion, 188 Middle St., Portland. \$15 per person, \$25 per couple. Must be 21 & over to be admitted. FMI, 207/761-5683 or 775-7297, ext. 5.

## Saturday, October 28:

•**Δ 10:30-11:30 AM** - Women's Empowerment 16-Step Group, Crossroads for Women. FMI, 207/892-2192.

•**Δ 8:00 PM** - Benefit Concert for Maine Won't Discriminate, "Singing for our Lives" presented by the MWD Women's and Men's Chorus directed by Sonya Pryor and Bruce Fithian. State Street Church, 159 State St., Portland. Tickets are \$15 from MWD, Drop Me A Line, Amadeus and at the door.

•**Δ 8:00 PM-1:00 AM** - Women's Halloween Dance to benefit Women's Center of Belfast. Belfast Dance Studio, 55 High St., Belfast. \$3 donation. Costumes welcome.

•**Δ 8:00 PM-1:00 AM** - Halloween Dance to benefit Citizens Alliance for Gay & Lesbian Rights (CAGLR), at Pat's Peak, Henniker, NH. \$6. Prizes for best costume.

•**Δ 8:00 PM** - Halloween Dance hosted by Northern Lambda Nord in VanBuren. FMI, 207/498-2088.

## Monday, October 30:

•**Δ 7:00 PM** - Portland Chapter of Maine Won't Discriminate. St. Luke's Cathedral, 143 State St. FMI, 207/780-1333 or 207/761-1788.

•**Δ 7:00-8:00 PM** - Women's Empowerment 16-Step Group, USM Women's Center. FMI, Jana at 772-6599.

## Tuesday, October 31:

•**Δ 1:00-2:00 PM & 7:00-9:00 PM** - Alliance for Sexual Diversity meetings at Portland Campus Center in the Boiler Room (next to dining room) Open to absolutely everyone.

•**Δ 7:30-8:30 PM** - Gay and lesbian AA Meeting at The Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center, 398 Main St., Caribou. FMI, 207/498-2088.

## Wednesday, November 1:

•**Δ 3:00-4:00 PM** - Lesbian and bisexual women's discussion/support group congregates in USM Portland Campus Women's Center, basement of Payson Smith Hall.

•**Δ 7:00-8:30 PM** - Free support group for advocates and supporters of lesbian and gay civil rights. Facilitated by Vivian Wadas and Jewel McHale at Womenspace Counseling Center, 236 Park Ave., Portland. Drop-in to vent and unwind, tell your stories and get nurtured before going back to battle. FMI, Vivian: 774-2403, Jewel: 773-4211.

•**Δ 7:00-9:00 PM** - Women in Harmony choral group rehearsal, Immanuel Baptist Church, 156 High St., Portland. FMI, 207/286-8016 or 207/885-0995.

•**Δ 7:00-9:00 PM** - Northern Lambda Nord Drop-In and Open House at the Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center, 398 Main St., Caribou. FMI, 207/498-2088.

## Friday, November 3:

•**Δ 7:00-9:00 PM** - Lesbian, gay and bisexual discussion group. First Universalist Church, 345 Broadway, Rockland. Topic: "Relationships that go bad." FMI, Larry Godfrey, 207/594-2957.

•**Δ 8:00 PM** - Big 2 Do Productions

presents A Songbook Series at Portland Museum of Art. 3 Divas Part Deux presents songs of Weill, Sondheim and Yeston. Pianist Edward Reichert. Singers, Judith James, Deborah Hall, Marie Pressman. Tickets \$10. FMI, 207/773-0634.

•**Δ 8:00 PM** - Movie Night with Northern Lambda Nord at The Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center, 398 Main Street, Caribou. FMI, 207/498-2088.

## Saturday, November 4:

•**Δ 10:30-11:30 AM** - Women's Empowerment 16-Step Group, Crossroads for Women. FMI, 207/892-2192.

•**Δ Chiltern Mountain Club** high ropes challenge in Manchester, NH. Experience a series of six elements, all 20-30 feet above the forest floor. FMI, call Mike (603) 644-7658.

## Sunday, November 5:

•**Δ Chiltern Mountain Club** plays touch football in Watertown, MA. FMI, call Meredith (508) 699-4072.

•**Δ Eastern Mountain Sports** free hiking clinic. N. Moat Mountain, a moderate hike with views of the Presidential Range, Wildcat, Carter Dome, Baldface and more. FMI, 207/772-3776 & ask for Scott Roberge.

## Monday, November 6:

•**Δ 7:00 PM** - Portland Chapter of Maine Won't Discriminate. St. Luke's Cathedral, 143 State St. FMI, 207/780-1333 or 207/761-1788.

•**Δ 7:00-8:00 PM** - Women's Empowerment 16-Step Group, USM Women's Center. FMI, Jana at 772-6599.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7:

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•**Δ 7:30-8:30 PM** - Gay and lesbian AA Meeting at The Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center, 398 Main St., Caribou. FMI, 207/498-2088.

## Wednesday, November 8:

•**Δ 3:00-4:00 PM** - Lesbian and bisexual women's discussion/support group congregates in USM Portland Campus Women's Center, basement of Payson Smith Hall.

•**Δ 7:00-8:30 PM** - Free support group for advocates and supporters of lesbian and gay civil rights. Facilitated by Vivian Wadas and Jewel McHale at Womenspace Counseling Center, 236 Park Ave., Portland. Drop-in to vent and unwind, tell your stories and get nurtured before going back to battle. FMI, Vivian: 774-2403, Jewel: 773-4211.

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•**Δ 7:00-9:00 PM** - Northern Lambda Nord Drop-In and Open House at the Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center, 398 Main St., Caribou. FMI, 207/498-2088.

## Thursday, November 9:

•**Δ 7:30-9:00 PM** - The Matlovich Society presents an opportunity for us to refocus our anxieties on the approaching holidays. "I'll be Homo for

the Holidays" is a panel in which you are invited to share true life stories of the best and worst of holiday memories. Also a time to plan for more joy in your holidays. Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring St., Portland. Accessible to the mobility-impaired, free hotel parking.

## Friday, November 10:

•**Δ 8:00 PM** - Big 2 Do Productions presents A Songbook Series at Portland Museum of Art. "Let's Misbehave!" with David Goulet and Rae Simmonds to the music of Johnny Mercer and Cole Porter. Tickets, \$10. FMI, 207/773-0634.

## Saturday, November 11:

•**Δ 10:30-11:30 AM** - Women's Empowerment 16-Step Group, Crossroads for Women. FMI, 207/892-2192.

•**Δ 6:00 PM** - Northern Lambda Nord's Mexican Pot Luck Supper in New Sweden. FMI, 207/498-2088.

## Sunday, November 12:

•**Δ 1:00-3:00 PM** - Northern Lambda Nord Business Meeting at the Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center, 398 Main St., Caribou. FMI, 207/498-2088.

•**Δ 5:00-9:00 PM** - Post election Contra-Carolyn Gayla, The Mariners Church Banquet Center, Market at Fore St., Portland. Sponsored by Walt Whitman Dining Society. Open to absolutely everyone! \$10 admission includes food and soft drinks. Cash bar.

•**Δ Chiltern Mountain Club** plays touch football in Watertown, MA. FMI, call Meredith (508) 699-4072.

## Monday, November 13:

•**Δ 6:30 PM** - Rainbow Business & Professional Association networking meeting at Sisters, 45 Danforth St., Portland. If you work, you belong with RBPA. FMI, 207/775-0077.

•**Δ 7:00-8:00 PM** - Women's Empowerment 16-Step Group, USM Women's Center. FMI, Jana at 772-6599.

## Tuesday, November 14:

•**Δ 1:00-2:00 PM & 7:00-9:00 PM** - Alliance for Sexual Diversity meetings at Portland Campus Center in the Boiler Room (next to dining room) Open to absolutely everyone.

•**Δ 7:00 PM** - Portland Chapter of PFLAG meets at Woodfords Congregational Church, Woodfords Corner. We are parents, friends and relatives of lesbians, bisexual, gay and transgendered persons offering support and education. FMI, Rita-766-5158 or Sue-774-3441.

•**Δ 7:00-8:30 PM** - PFLAG: Seacoast, NH sponsoring "Connections," a support group for those affected by HIV/AIDS. Held at Exeter (NH) Congregational Church, Front St. Meetings held second Tuesday each month and are primarily for support, discussion and resource sharing. FMI, Ted-603/778-0102 or Ingrid-603/772-6221.

•**Δ 7:30-8:30 PM** - Gay and lesbian AA Meeting at The Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center, 398 Main St., Caribou. FMI, 207/498-2088.

## Wednesday, November 15:

•**Δ 3:00-4:00 PM** - Lesbian and



bisexual women's discussion/support group congregates in USM Portland Campus Women's Center, basement of Payson Smith Hall.

**ΔΔ 7:00-9:00 PM** - Northern Lambda Nord Drop-In and Open House at the Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center, 398 Main St., Caribou. FMI, 207/498-2088.

**Thursday, November 16:**

•**Δ 7:00 PM** - Eastern Mountain Sports clinic on "How to pack light." Sales associate Cooper Martin will give valuable tips for packing light. FMI, 207/772-3776 & ask for Scott Roberge.

**Friday, November 17:**

**ΔΔ 7:00-9:00 PM** - Lesbian, gay and bisexual discussion group. First Universalist Church, 345 Broadway, Rockland. Topic: "Spiritual beliefs." Speaker/facilitator is Alan Paul Curtis. FMI, 207/594-2957.

•**Δ 8:00 PM** - Big 2 Do Productions presents A Songbook Series at Portland Museum of Art. "3 Divas Part Deux" Encore performance. See Nov. 3 listing for details.

**ΔΔ 8:00 PM** - Northern Lambda Nord Women's Night in Presque Isle. FMI, 207/498-2088.

**Saturday, November 18:**

•**Δ 10:30-11:30 AM** - Women's Empowerment 16-Step Group, Crossroads for Women. FMI, 207/892-2192.

**Sunday, November 19:**

**ΔΔ Chiltern Mountain Club** plays touch football in Watertown, MA. FMI, call Meredith (508) 699-4072.

**Monday, November 20:**

•**Δ 7:00-8:00 PM** - Women's Empowerment 16-Step Group, USM Women's Center. FMI, Jana at 772-6599.

**Tuesday, November 21:**

**ΔΔ 7:30-8:30 PM** - Gay and lesbian AA Meeting at The Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center, 398 Main St., Caribou. FMI, 207/498-2088.

**Wednesday, November 22:**

**ΔΔ 3:00-4:00 PM** - Lesbian and bisexual women's discussion/support group congregates in USM Portland Campus Women's Center, basement of Payson Smith Hall.

**ΔΔ 7:00-9:00 PM** - Northern Lambda Nord Drop-In and Open House at the Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center, 398 Main St., Caribou. FMI, 207/498-2088.

**Friday, November 24:**

•**Δ 8:00 PM** - Big 2 Do Productions presents A Songbook Series at Portland Museum of Art. "The Maine AIDS Quilt Songbook" will benefit the Maine Chapter of The NAMES Project featuring Maine composers John Alexander, Bruce Fithian and Rita Kissen. Tickets are \$10. FMI, 207/773-0634.

Organization wishing to have their meetings and events published in the CPR calendar must submit them typed or clearly written, preferably one month prior to the event. Next deadline is November 1st.

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**ΔΔ EUROPE, ANYONE???:** There's still room to join a group of women who are going to backpack across Europe in June of '96. We'll fly to Holland, trek through Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Austria and fly back from Paris, France. For more information, please call Suzen @ 207/799-1951. Leave message. The cut-off date is November 20. ΔΔ

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**ΔΔ GWM** who enjoys nude photography, hot videos, massage and safe sex looking to share these with GM 18-40. Drop me a line with phone number. Let's talk and plan to meet. Write Boxholder 337, 9 Grove Street, Auburn, ME 04210. ΔΔ

**ΔΔ SOS:** Looking for a man with two first names Steven S. Last time I saw you was in 1988. You drove red sports car with you last name on plate. We met at Credit Union in Westbrook. Circumstances weren't right. Would like

to re-connect. Please write. Thomas, Box #1988, c/o CPR, 142 High St., #623, Portland, ME 04101. ΔΔ

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## MISCELLANEOUS

**ΔΔ Front-Runners Club:** Do you like to run for fun and exercise? Would you like to run with other gay men and lesbians? If so, please contact Wayne Moore at 207/942-9812 or write me at P O Box 301, Orono, ME 04473. ΔΔ **ΔΔ LESBIAN BOOK CATALOG AVAILABLE:** 16 page annotated and illustrated Heartland Books fall and winter catalog now available. Features approx. 120 selections of lesbian interest, fiction and non-fiction books as well as cards, calendars and videos. Free. Write Heartland Books, PO Box 1105A, East Corinth, VT 05040 or call 802/439-5655. ΔΔ

## SUPPORT GROUPS

**ΔΔ TOWARDS A MORE POSITIVE IDENTITY:** Gay men's support group. Fred Wolf, STD, M.Div., and Chris Behan, MSW. \$45. Insurance reimbursable. Sliding scale fee possible. Individual and couples counseling also available. Call 207/773-6658, Family Institute of Maine, 38 Deering Street, Portland. ΔΔ

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# COMMUNITY PRIDE RESOURCES

## GENERAL

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**Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG)** promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons, their families and friends through support, education and advocacy. Come and celebrate our children and friends just the way they are! (See listings for Maine & New Hampshire under PHONE SUPPORT and SUPPORT GROUPS.)

**Northern Lambda Nord** is an educational, informational, social, and service organization serving lesbian, gay, and bisexual people in northern Maine and New Brunswick. Meetings are 2nd Sunday of every month at 1 pm (ME), 2 pm (N-B), at the Gay-Lesbian Community Services Center, 398 S. Main St., Caribou, and can be reached every Wednesday by The Phoneline. Call 207/498-2088.

**The Matlovich Society** is an educational and cultural organization of lesbians, bisexuals, gay men, and friends committed to sharing our history as well as providing person-affirming presentations and discussions in a supportive environment. Meetings on the second and fourth Thursday every month at 7:30 pm at the Holiday Inn By the Bay, 88 Spring St. Portland. Free parking and accessible to the mobility-impaired. Call 207/761-4380.

**National Association of Social Workers, ME Chapter, Sexual Minority Issues Committee** welcomes new social work members. Our purpose is to educate, provide resources, and lobby legislators on issues involving sexual minorities in Maine. Meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 5 pm at the Community Counseling Ctr., 343 Forest Ave., Portland. FMI call Perry Sutherland, 874-1030.

**HATE CRIMES & BIAS INCIDENTS:** Have you or someone you know been a victim? Call the Civil Rights Section of the Maine Department of the Attorney General -626-8844.

**Citizens Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Rights: (CAGLR)**, New Hampshire's oldest progressive gay/lesbian civil rights organization, welcomes all those interested in these goals to weekly meetings, programs, socials and various other events. Newsletter. Call Info-line (603) 224-1686 or write to PO Box 730, Concord, NH 03302-0730.

**The Rainbow Business & Professional Association:** a statewide, non-profit organization established to create a gay, lesbian, bi and transgendered "chamber of commerce" for Maine. Meetings for networking or dinner with speaker events, held in the Greater Portland area, second Monday of the month. FMI write P.O. Box 6627, Scarborough, ME 04070-6627, call 207.775.0015 or e-mail wildboys@mainelink.net.

## MUSIC & ART

**Women In Harmony** is an eclectic choral ensemble open to all women regardless of age, race, religion, or sexual orientation. If you are interested in becoming a member or volunteering organizational skills, send SASE (including your phone number) to P.O. Box 5136 Sta. A, Portland, ME. 04101,

or call 207/774-4940.

**Maine Gay Men's Chorus** is a community chorus which brings men together to enhance social tolerance and diversity in the Greater Portland area, as well as affirming the gay/lesbian experience with creative and lively musical entertainment. FMI call 883-8099 or write M.G.M.C., P.O. Box 10391, Portland, ME. 04104.

**The Maine Gay Visual Artist's League** will meet on the third Wednesday of every month. The League is a non-profit, creative support network for Maine's gay & lesbian visual artists community. FMI, call 775-3420.

## PHONE SUPPORT

### Region by region

**National Center for Lesbian Rights Youth Project:** 1-800-528-NCLR.

**Boston Alliance of Lesbian and Gay Youth (BAGLY):** 1-800-347-TEEN.

**National Hotline for gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender youth:**

Call 1-800-347-TEEN, Sponsored by the Indianapolis Youth Group. 7-10 pm Sunday to Thursday, 7 pm to midnight Friday and Saturday. Staffed & trained, peer (youth) counselors. Confidential and anonymous.

### Portland:

**The AIDS Line:** 1-800-851-AIDS or 775-1267. HIV/AIDS related questions, call Mon.-Sat. 9 am-5 pm, Mon. & Wed. evenings until 7:30 pm. Anonymous.

**DIAL KIDS:** 774-TALK. For lesbian, gay, bi & questioning youth under 19 yrs.

**Ingraham Volunteers:** Call 774-HELP (774-4357).

**The AIDS Project:** 774-6877. Located at 142 High St., 6th floor, Portland 04101. Call for information and support group meetings in Portland, Lewiston, Brunswick.

**Bangor:** Eastern Maine AIDS Network: 990-3626

**Belfast:** Waldo-Knox AIDS Coalition: 338-1427

**Brunswick:** Merrymeeting AIDS Support Services: 725-4995

**Bridgton:** Community Task Force on AIDS: 583-6608

**Rumford:** Community AIDS Awareness Program: 823-4170

**Lewiston:** Androscoggin Valley AIDS Coalition: 786-4697

**Waterville:** Dayspring: 626-3432

**Ellsworth:** Down East AIDS Network: 667-3506

**Oxford Hills:** Oxford Hills Community AIDS Network: 743-7451.

**Mid coast:** Gay men's HELP LINE, 6:00-9:00 pm (only) M-F. 207/863-2728, FAX, 207/863-2794. Also, gay youth info.

## Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG)

### Contacts in Maine

(\* indicates monthly meetings)

Augusta/Hallowell: 623-2349

\*Bangor/Brewer: 989-5180

Brunswick/Bath: 729-0519

\*Oakland: Steve, 465-3870

\*Lewiston/Auburn: 783-9789

\*Portland: Rita, 766-5158 or Sue, 774-3441

Waldoboro: 832-5859

### Contacts in New Hampshire

P-FLAG NH 24 hour Helpline:

603/623-6023

Concord: Judy, 603/485-3943

Webster: Betsy, 603/746-3818

Manchester: Hans & Lin, 603/668-0741

Nashua: Nancy, 603/880-8709

Kensington: Nora/John, 603/772-3893

Stratham: Betty, 603/772-5196

Francetown: Cy/Gordon, 603/547-2545

Hanover: Shirley/Tom, 603/643-8331

Holderness: Olivia, 603/968-7254

Center Sandwich: Tish, 603/284-6434

**DOVER, NH:** Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Helpline for info, referral or need to talk. M-F 6-10 pm, Sat.-Sun. 9am-2pm. 603/743-GAY2.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

### Medical Support

**Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic:** Confidential screening and treatment for STD's for residents and non-residents at a walk-in clinic. Low cost, medicaid accepted. Anonymous, confidential HIV testing by appointment only. Clinic open Tues. & Thurs., 3:30 to 6 pm at Portland City Hall Room 303. FMI call 874-8784.

**Planned Parenthood of Northern New England:** Serving men and women, offering annual exams, pregnancy testing, birth control info. & supplies (free condoms!), testing and treatment for infections and STD's, menopause support and more. Evening hours, affordable services, and complete confidentiality. Medicaid welcome. 970 Forest Ave., Portland. FMI call 874-1095.

**FREE FAMILY THERAPY** available for individuals & families (of any type) who are affected by HIV disease. FMI, contact Chris Behan, MSW at Center for Training and Special Programs. 773-6658.

### Identity Support

#### New Hampshire P-FLAG Meetings

**Concord:** Meets 3rd Sunday from 3-5 pm at 1st Congregational Church, Washington & North Main Streets. (use Washington St. entrance), FMI call 603/472-4944.

**Seacoast:** Meets 1st Tuesday from 7-9 pm at Stratham Community Church, Emory Lane, Stratham (1st right west of Rte 101 circle), FMI call 603/772-5196.

**Monadnock Region:** Meets 4th Monday from 7-8:30 pm at The Place to Go, 46 Concord St., Peterborough, FMI call 603/547-2545 or 603/623-6023.

**Nashua:** Meets 3rd Thursday at 7:30 pm at Unitarian-Universalist Church, Lowell & Canal Streets., FMI call 603/880-0910.

**Plymouth:** Meets first Sunday, 7-9 pm, Plymouth Congregational Church. FMI, call 603/968-7254 or 603/786-9812.

**Upper Valley Region:** Meets second Wednesday, 7 pm. Hanover. FMI, call 603/643-8331.

### Maine P-FLAG Meetings

**Portland:** Meets 2nd Tuesday 7-9 PM at Woodfords Congregational Church, 202 Woodfords St. FMI, 766-5158 or 774-3441.

**Women's Center - Belfast -** Weekly meetings, 9A Main St., 2nd floor (above Jaret & Cohn) FMI, 338-5702. Group meeting every Wednesday, 6:15 pm. Women's Spirituality Gatherings, Mondays 7-9 pm.

**NA: Just for Today** meetings every Wednesday, 8:15 pm, at St. Luke's Cathedral, State St., Portland. Use Park St. entrance in rear. Also Friday meeting, 8:00 pm, Immanuel Baptist Church, corner Deering & High St., Use entrance off Deering St.

**Out and About -** a lesbian support and educational group, meets on 1st & 3rd Wednesday monthly, 7:00 pm., United Methodist Church, 129 Miller Ave, Portsmouth, NH. FMI: POB 5691, Portsmouth, NH 03902, or 603/772-8045.

**Out Among Friends:** Meets Thursdays 7-8:30 pm, in the downstairs club room of the Portland YWCA, 87 Spring St. Lesbian support/discussion group. Free or \$1 donation

to help w/rent.

**Out on MDI:** For gays, lesbians, bi's and our friends. Very active social/support group. Meets every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Newcomers always welcome. FMI, write OUT ON MDI, PO Box 367, Southwest Harbor, ME 04679-0367 or call (207) 288-2502 and leave a message.

**Dignity, Etc.:** Meets third Sunday at 5:15 pm at St. Luke's Cathedral (Emmanuel Chapel), Portland. All are welcome. Fellowship & potluck supper follow 5:15 pm service. We minister to the lesbian and gay community. FMI, write P.O. Box 8113, Portland 04104.

**The Appollo Society:** an out-reach, networking and social organization for New England's gay and lesbian atheists, free-thinkers, ethical humanists and Hellenes. Free speech/civil rights advocacy group offering freedom-from-religion support, religious de-programming and fun! FMI, 773-5726 or P.O. Box 5301, Portland, ME 04101.

**Community of Hope:** A Christian congregation which claims a primary ministry with gay and lesbian people and strives to be inclusive of all persons. Worship on Saturdays at 4:00 PM at Immanuel Baptist Church, 156 High St., Portland. FMI write Community of Hope. POB 1671, Portland, ME 04104.

**Central Maine Gay Men's Support Group:** Tuesdays from 7-8:30 pm. FMI call 622-1888 or 622-4254.

**Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Discussion Group:** 1st and 3rd Fridays each month, 7-9 pm. First Universalist Church, 345 Broadway, Rockland, ME. FMI, Larry Godfrey, (207) 594-2957.

**Q-Squad:** Support group for lesbian, gays, bisexuals, & transgendered. Serving Franklin County, based at UM Farmington. FMI call and leave message, (207) 778-7380.

**TransSupport Group:** Meets regularly, providing confidential support, education and social activities for cross dressers, transsexuals, their families, friends, & others interested in gender dysphoria issues. FMI write TransSupport, P.O. Box 17622, Portland, 04112.

**Gender Talk North:** P.O. Box 211, Keene, NH 03431.

**Trans Counseling:** Cheshire Counseling Assoc., PO Box 1124, Keene, NH 03431. 603/357-5544.

**Women Survivors of Childhood Abuse:** A support group for survivors of childhood abuse and/or sexual assault meets Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3 pm. Free, confidential, safe, facilitated. FMI and location call (207) 874-6593. Sponsored by USM's Womyn's Forum.

**Maine Bisexual People's Network:** Meets to affirm in all a positive nature of bisexuality and work toward greater acceptance in the bisexual, gay, lesbian, and straight communities. Support and referrals available. FMI write P.O. Box 10818, Portland, ME. 04104.

**Polyamorous Life Support (PALS):** Do you love more than one person? You may be polyamorous. Polyamorous Life Support (PALS) is a discussion/support group for people interested in creating/nourishing committed, loving, multipartner relationships. Whether curious or already multiply intimate, call 773-6132 FMI.

**Wilde-Stein Club:** Meets every Thursday at 6:30 pm at Memorial Union, Sutton Lounge, UM at Orono.

**Lesbian/Bisexual Support Group:** Meets every Tuesday, 7-9 PM, at Women's Resource Center 101 Fernald Hall at UM Orono.



FMI call (207) 581-1425.

**Am Chofshi:** A Maine Lesbian/Gay Jewish support group, meets monthly. FMI call Rheatha at 874-2970.

**Seacoast Gay Men:** Social group meets Mondays (except holidays), 7 pm Unitarian Universalist Church, 292 State St., Portsmouth, NH. FMI call (603) 430-4052, or write P.O. Box 1394, Portsmouth 03802-1394.

**Dover, NH:** Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgendered support Group meets Sundays 7-8pm, Quaker Mtg. House, Central Ave. Social times too. FMI, 603/743-GAY2 eves.

**Lewiston/Auburn:** A new gay, lesbian, bisexual support group for the Lewiston/Auburn area meets Mondays at 7 pm at the Unitarian-Universalist Church on Spring St., Auburn.

**Bangor Lesbian Support Group:** This Lesbian Support Group welcomes any woman who self-identifies as a lesbian. They seek to create woman-only, lesbian-positive space to explore issues and affirm themselves and each other as lesbians. Confidentiality, open-mindedness and respect are required. Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm, Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center, 334 Harlow St., Bangor. FMI: (207) 947-5337.

**Mountain Valley Men (MVM):** A group of gay men of all ages in the western Maine, Eastern NH area who get together for pot luck dinners, hiking, canoeing, skiing and other activities. FMI, write to Box 36, Center Conway, NH 03813-0036 or call Paul at 207/925-1034.

**S.N.A.P.:** Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests. Monthly support group for men & women healing from sexual abuse by clergy of any denomination. Meets in Portland location on third Friday of the month. FMI, call 207/774-5025.

**DEGLO (Down East Gay & Lesbian Org.)** meets 2nd Saturday of the month, 5:30 pm at the UU Church, Park Street, Bangor.

**Men's Discussion Group:** 7:00 pm, fourth Saturday every month, St. James Episcopal Church, Center & Main Streets, Old Town.

#### Parents

**Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Parents Group:** Meeting in the Portland area. For dates, places and times write GLB Parents Group, P.O. Box 10818, Portland, ME 04104.

**Mothers and Kids Group:** Social events and group support for lesbians and their children. Emphasis on inclusion of lesbians in the process of becoming pregnant or adopting. Meets monthly in the greater Portland area. FMI write: P.O. Box 2235, South Portland, ME 04116.

#### Youth Support

**OUTRIGHT TOO:** Sundays, 6pm at Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center, Harlow St., Bangor. Support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual youth ages 16-22. FMI, call 207/947-5393.

**OUTRIGHT/Central Maine:** Weekly, confidential meetings for gay, lesbian, & questioning youth 22 years and under. Call "First Call" at 795-6677 or 1-800-339-4042 and ask about OUTRIGHT.

**OUTRIGHT/Portland:** Meets every Friday from 7:30-9:30 pm at The People's Building, 155 Brackett St., 2nd floor, Portland. Safe and supportive discussions with and for gay, lesbian, bisexual & questioning young people. FMI call 774-TALK, or 774-HELP or write to P.O. Box 5077, Portland, ME 04101.

**OUTRIGHT/Seacoast:** Meets every Friday from 7 to 9 pm at the Unitarian Church annex building adjacent to the fire station, 206 Court St., Portsmouth NH. FMI call Teenline at 1-800-639-6095 or write P.O. Box 842, Portsmouth NH 03801.

**F.A.T.E. Fight AIDS-Transform Education:** A project of ACT UP/Portland whose

purpose is to demand better HIV/AIDS education and combat homophobia in all Maine public schools; to form empowering groups for teens by teens and to create a context in which pro-teen, pro-gay groups are able to change the educational policies in their individual school districts. Straight or gay, boy or girl, HIV+/-, black, brown or white. All welcome. FMI on who to contact or how to organize in your school district, contact F.A.T.E., PO Box 1931, Portland, ME 04104. Phone 207/775-4844.

**COLAGE:** A national support group run by and for the children of gay, lesbian or bisexual parents. FMI, COLAGE, 2300 Market St., #165, Dept. P, San Francisco, CA 94114.

#### HIV Related Support Meetings

##### Portland:

**Mondays:** People Living with HIV disease and all friends, families, partners & caregivers, 6:30-8:00 PM.

**Tuesdays:** People Living with HIV disease and all friends, families, lovers, and caregivers, 10:30 am-Noon.

**2nd & 4th Tuesdays:** Living Well focusing on quality of life and empowerment.

**1st Wednesday:** PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support), 5:30 pm. Call 775-PAWS. Charles Wynott, Program Coordinator.

**Thursdays:** People living with HIV meets from 5:30-7 pm.

**2nd Thursday:** Client Advisory Board, open to all clients of The AIDS Project, 1:30 pm. *The above Portland support groups meet at The AIDS Project, 142 High St., 6th floor, except the Tuesday group, Living Well. FMI on that call Sandy Titus at Stratogen Health Care. Call Jane O'Rourke at 774-6877 or 1-800-851-2437 for more information.*

**Auburn:** People living with HIV disease, Tuesdays, 1:30-3:00 pm at Auburn Family Planning. Call Diana Carrigan, Androscoggin and Oxford Case Manager and Support Services Coordinator for TAP at the Auburn office, 783-4301.

**Biddeford:** People affected or infected by HIV, Mondays, 5:30-7:00 pm. So. ME. Medical Center classroom opposite cafeteria on 2nd floor. Call John Bean, York County Case Manager, 774-6877.

**Brunswick:** Meetings for family and friends who have loved ones with HIV/AIDS at Merrymeeting AIDS Support Services, 8 Lincoln Street. FMI on meeting days and times call 725-4955.

**Gardiner:** 1st & 3rd Wednesdays: People Living with HIV meets from 1:30-3 pm at the Physicians Building behind KVRHA Annex. Call MASS at 725-4955.

**Rumford/Mexico Area:** Mondays: AIDS Support Group/Phoneline meets from 7-8:30 pm at Mexico Congregational Church, Main Street, Mexico. Call 364-8603.

**AIDS Coalition of Lewiston & Auburn:** Thursdays: Support for people with HIV & their families. 7 pm, 70 Court St., 2nd floor, Auburn. FMI call 786-4697.

#### Maine AIDS Alliance

##### Member Organizations

**AIDS Lodging House:** P.O. Box 3820, Portland, ME 04101-3820, Call 874-1000.

**AIDS Coalition of Lewiston-Auburn:** P.O. Box 7977, Lewiston, ME 04243-7977. Call 786-4697.

**Community AIDS Awareness Program:** c/o Mexico Cong. Church/UCC, 43 Main St., Mexico, ME 04257. Call 364-8603.

**Community Task Force on AIDS Educ.:** P.O. Box 941, Naples, ME 04055. Call 583-6608.

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**Down East AIDS Network:** 114 State St., Ellsworth, ME 04605. Call 667-3506.

**Eastern Maine AIDS Network:** P.O. Box

2038, Bangor, ME 04401. Call 990-3626. **Merrymeeting AIDS Support Serv.:** P.O. Box 57, Brunswick, ME 04011-0057. Call 725-4955.

**Names Project/Maine:** P.O. Box 10248, Portland, ME 04104. Call 774-2198.

**Oxford Hills Community AIDS Network:** P.O. Box 113, Paris, ME 04271-0113. Call 743-7451.

**Peabody House:** 14 Orchard St., Portland, ME 04102. Call 774-6281.

**People With AIDS Coalition of ME.:** 696 Congress Street, Portland, ME 04101. Call 773-8500.

**Pets Are Wonderful Support (PAWS)** 142 Congress Street, Portland ME 04101. Call 775-PAWS.

**St. John Valley AIDS Task Force:** c/o NMMC, 143 E. Main St., Fort Kent, ME 04743. Call 834-3355.

**The AIDS Project:** 142 High St., 6th fl., Portland, ME 04101. Call 774-6877.

**Waldo-Knox AIDS Coalition:** P.O. Box 956, Belfast, ME 04915. Call 338-1427.

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Share your ideas and opinions or just plain chat with other list members. To subscribe to this list, send e-mail to [majordomo@abacus.oxy.edu](mailto:majordomo@abacus.oxy.edu). In the message part, write "subscribe me-gaynet."

##### ΔThe Maine GayNet Home Page:

An ever-changing display of events and information. Meetings, contact people, resources, & referrals. The complete text of CPR available online, too. Point your WEB Browser at: <http://www.qrd.org/QRD/www/usa/maine> FMI, e-mail Paula Stockholm: [paula@maine.com](mailto:paula@maine.com) ΔΔ

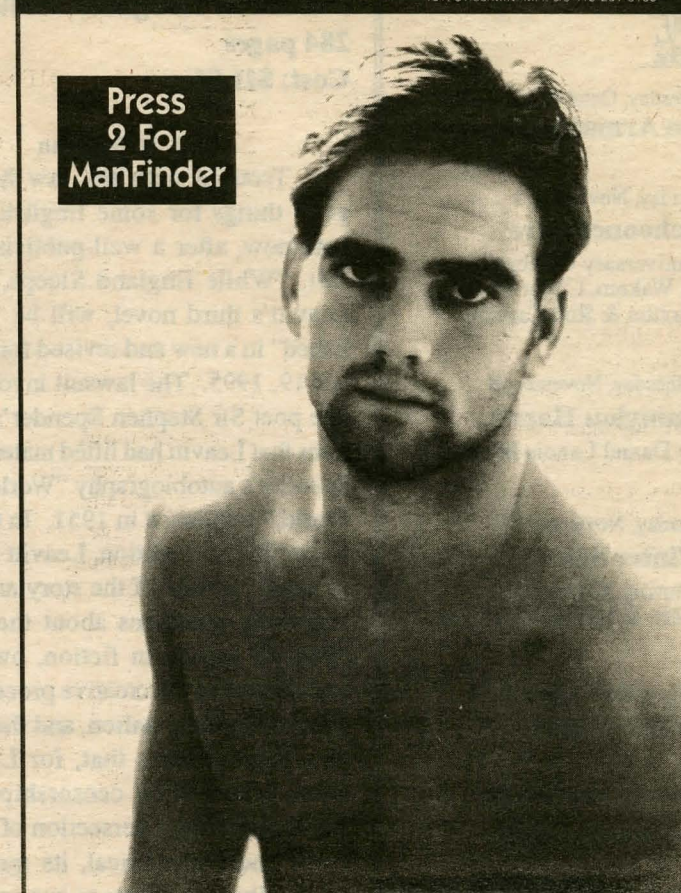


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# Arts & Entertainment

## ARTIST PROFILE: Here's The Story . . .



by Aimsel Ponti

The month of October was welcomed with an appearance by Jonatha Brooke & The Story at Raoul's in Portland. "Plumb," is the latest album

by The Story on Blue Thumb records, and this was the fifth stop on the band's tour. They have a great opening act in Kevin Gilbert who goes along with them. Jonatha Brooke and I got to chat about what's been happening over the last year during an interview in "Alice" the tour bus. Before going into the show and the album, I think I'd better fill in a few gaps about the history of The Story, which spans more than ten years. Way back when, Jonatha Brooke and Jennifer Kimball met at college in Massachusetts, Amherst, I think, and began playing together. After a few years, "Grace in Gravity" was released on an independent label and The Story had firmly made a name for themselves, receiving radio air-play at stations in that area, including the show I hosted on WKNH in New Hampshire.

About a year or so later Elektra records signed them and re-released "Grace in Gravity." This album's title track is one of their signature songs and it tells the true story of a black dancer

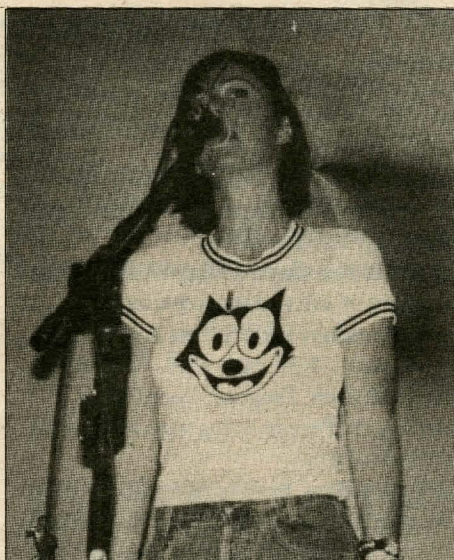
traveling in South Africa with a white friend. One car accident later, the white man is rushed to the nearest hospital while his friend is left at the side of the road for hours before getting to a hospital that would admit him. Today, this man is a choreographer in New York City, where he is able to convey his directions successfully using the spoken word, as that accident left him paralyzed.

The other song, "Dog Dreams" is the humorous tale of dog antics and well, dog dreams, told in the voice of a dog about his adventures with Rex through the neighborhood trash cans and swamps.

Jonatha Brooke's gift for songwriting is captured even better on their second album, "The Angel in the House." This will go down in the books as one of the most excellent albums that will ever be in my collection. In fact, musician Bruce Cockburn told Jonatha in a fan letter that even if she never wrote anything again she would have achieved a remarkable thing. Cockburn ended up singing vocals on "The War" on "Plumb." Essentially, every song Brooke has written possesses some great quality which makes the albums always enjoyable and rarely repetitive. "Plumb" is no exception to this.

There was something amazing about Jonatha and Jennifer's combined voices, and either one of them could hold you in the palm of their hands on their own. "So Much Mine" is perhaps

their most well known song, so far. It's about Brooke's relationship with her mother, and I suspect it's applicable to many other people's lives. "The Gilded Cage," "Love Song" and "Angel in the House" are three other tracks that still



Ponti Photo

The Story's Jonatha Brooke at Raoul's

manage to wrap themselves around my emotions. "Fatso," a song with clever, and quite funny lyrics takes a silly look at the seriousness of eating disorders.

Last fall will go down in the books as a truly black period in Jonatha Brooke's life. Fortunately she was able to rise above many obstacles, including her own self-doubt, and record "Plumb" whose tour began at the end of Septem-

ber. After releasing two albums, Elektra Records decided to drop The Story. On top of that, Jennifer Kimball decided to leave, and although Brooke did explain that it was a very mutual decision, it was still a very dark period. "I think I learned a lot from it and came out of it a much better person," said Brooke. She went on to explain that immediately there was interest. Other labels were keeping tabs on her and were wondering about demotapes. There was one person who has believed in Jonatha Brooke right from the start. Tommy LiPuma started "Blue Thumb" record in the late 60's and 70's with artists such as Slyvester and The Pointer Sisters. Eventually, he ended up working for Elektra Records and he was the one who originally signed The Story. Then, last fall, LiPuma left Elektra, went to MCA and re-started "Blue Thumb." It's no coincidence that "Plumb" was released on this label. I suspect Brooke would have had several other offers as well. All the difficulties of last Fall are best captured on the song "Charming," Brooke told me. "To be loved, not touched, to be blameless and ecstatic again, this is all there is, no knowledge is too much too bear in the end."

"I had no perspective at all and I just thought I sucked and that no one would ever give a shit. It was really wild. I don't think I'd ever been that low before in my life," said Brooke. Much credit to Jonatha for being able to

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### Books on Review:

**While England Sleeps**  
Author: David Leavitt  
Publisher: Houghton Mifflin  
284 pages  
Cost: \$11.95

by J. H. Morgan

Trouble with the law has done good things for some English novels. And now, after a well-publicized lawsuit, "While England Sleeps," David Leavitt's third novel, will be "re-published" in a new and revised form October 19, 1995. The lawsuit involved the late poet Sir Stephen Spender's allegations that Leavitt had lifted material from Spender's autobiography "World Within World," published in 1951. In the preface to this new edition, Leavitt explains in detail his side of the story and raises searching questions about the role of history's legacy in fiction, ownership and control of the creative process, freedom of the imagination, and the horrors of a legal process that, for Leavitt at least, bordered on censorship. As a novel about the intersection of the personal and the political, its message is especially appropriate to our own times.

In his preface, Leavitt states that



he hopes the book "will finally be read the way it was intended to be read: as a novel." The story is simple and familiar: against the backdrop of the Spanish Civil war and the impending World War, two young English men in 1936 are discontent about the state of things in general. The narrator, Brian Botsford (who tells his story from a distance of forty years) comes from a privileged background and frets at his writer's block and his Aunt Constance's infrequent

cheques. The other, Edward Phelan, comes from the working class and has a job collecting tickets in the London Underground. Fiercely dedicated to overcoming his lack of education, Edward likes to catalogue. He records the number of books he's read in a week, the number of Shakespeare's sonnets he's memorized, and even the number of "wanks" he's had in a day. The two meet one day at an Aid to Spain meeting, go back to Brian's bed-sitter, and begin an affair.

Soon enough Edward moves in with Brian and the gritty business of relationship begins, compounded with inevitable English class conflict. Brian has inherited a casual, public school attitude toward his homosexuality and honestly believes one day he'll get married. Edward, earnest and loyal, takes the relationship more seriously. Afraid of being cut-off financially, Brian eventually gives in to the matrimonial machinations of Aunt Constance and agrees to meet a certain Philippa Archibald, Aunt Constance's friend's niece. Although Aunt Constance describes Philippa as "responsible," she turns out to be much more appealing and free-spirited than Brian suspected, and he begins

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## Ani DiFranco-Live at Pickard Theater, Bowdoin College

by Aimsel Ponti

I've known about Ani DiFranco for a few years and remember playing her songs on a radio show I hosted back in New Hampshire. In fact, I recall that she played at my own school, Keene State College, and I opted not to go. I've always liked her, sort of. Who else do you know who has recorded and produced seven albums on their own label, and has sold over 175,000 CD's and tapes?

But, it wasn't until the evening of September 26 at Bowdoin's Pickard Theater that I understood what all the fuss was about. Over the course of two sets of music, Ani (and hey, it's pro-



nounced ahh-nee), displayed her many emotions ranging from an incredible sense of humor to the harsh anger in many of her songs. "Worthy," a track from her latest release, "Not a Pretty Girl," started the show off and immediately she had the crowd in the palm of her sweet hand. The house lights were left on just enough so that she could see us and we could see her which added to the already very comfortable rapport she instantly established. So there she was belting out "You think you're not worthy, I'd have to say I agree. I'm not worthy of you, you're not worthy of me," to a sold-out crowd comprised mostly of women and men in their early 20s who seem to worship her, yet not have her up on a star-studded pedestal. Most of the folks around me seemed to know most of the words and were in a definite Ani-trance. I left the show madly in love with the woman and wanting to find an all night record store so I could buy all her CDs at once and inject the songs into my veins. If you don't have any of her music, then I hereby recommend her latest, "Not a Pretty Girl" as a place to start, although I suspect I will soon find out that all her music will touch a nerve in one way or another.

Getting back to the live show, on stage with DiFranco was her drummer and back-up vocalist, Andy Stochansky who adds a rock element to the music. However, if you've seen her live, you know that DiFranco's music, often referred to as acoustic folk-punk, can drive through you like a truck. The black electrical tape around her fingers is to help hold on the fake nails she applies nightly so as to better slam on her guitar. I've

never seen such a display of fast-paced guitar picking. She wails and produces a sound that is uniquely her own. Add to that her sometimes raspy and wild and sometimes calm and pretty voice.

DiFranco's songwriting is something to talk about as well. Her slow songs are destined to end up on more than one Aimsel-mixed-tape-of-melancholy-yet-uplifting music. The songs "Hour follows Hour" and "Not a Pretty Girl," to name two, are like hearing little pieces of DiFranco's life. You know something else, she's not yet 25 years old. The future, already paved with offers from those big record labels, to the girl from Buffalo, New York, will surely provide more food for thought and songwriting. Look for DiFranco's albums on her own label, Righteous Babe Records. In the song "Not A Pretty Girl," Ani says "I don't really want to be a pretty girl, I want to be more than a pretty girl." She doesn't have to worry about either. She's devastatingly adorable and writes excellent music. See her live. She tours often. ΔΔ

## "1200 Curfews" by the Indigo Girls

by Aimsel Ponti

As if the month of October hasn't already seen enough incredible new releases by several great musicians, now we get the icing on the cake with "1200 Curfews," the new double-live album from Amy and Emily, the Indigo Girls. It's not enough that Tracy Chapman, Shawn Colvin, Cowboy Junkies, k.d. Lang, The Story and Joan Armatrading have all offered their new music to us this month. That alone would be enough to push any music fan over the edge.

"1200 Curfews" contains almost 130 minutes of live music, recorded on the Swamp Ophelia tour as well as from different shows over the years, including one rarity recorded in Amy Ray's basement in 1982.

One of the most powerful aspects of this album is the selection of cover songs from Dylan's "Tangled Up In Blue" to Buffy Sainte-Marie's "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee," not to mention a truly inspirational cover of "Midnight Train to Georgia," with Gail Ann Dorsey's vocals helping out. You pretty much have to stop what you're doing and get up and do a Gladys Knight impersonation. Hey, I just did, and it wasn't half bad. Actually, I'd probably make a better Pip.

Anyway, "1200 Curfews" is packed with 23 tracks, everything from the classic Indigo sing-a-long song "Closer to Fine" to live versions of personal favorites "Strange Fire" and "Language or the Ki's." The liner notes contain brief explanations and comments on each track written by Ray and Saliers. It's great that they took the time to do this for their fans. For example, this is

what Amy Ray wrote about Emily's song "Love's Recovery:" "It's hard enough to keep a straight relationship together... imagine being gay. It's a

lissa Etheridge's new album comes out in November. The passion and the sincerity of Amy Ray and Emily Saliers seems, to all their fans, genuine and un-



struggle to find a church, state or population that recognizes the validity of a gay marriage. I don't know what Emily was thinking about when she wrote this song, but it has always inspired and empowered me on a community level as well as a personal one."

This album is probably the best that 1995 has to offer, and I feel confident saying that even knowing that Me-

changed over the years of continued success. "1200 Curfews" is an amazing collection of their music, with many of the songs being previously un-released. Look for their concert which will air on the Disney Channel (Who has it and who's taping it for me?) as well as "Watershed," a very cool collection of interviews and video footage. ΔΔ

## "All You Can Eat" - k.d. Lang's latest

by Aimsel Ponti

"The approach I took on this album is completely different than anything else I've ever done... more ambient and ethereal. I moved from the outside of songs and worked inward until I reached the center, where the words and music became very straightforward and direct," says Lang of her newest album. I would have to agree. This records takes a very direct, honest approach, leaving you believing every word Lang belts out. Although I have heard many rather negative comments about the album's title, "All you can Eat," it does represent a new beginning for Lang. This is a record that hooks you immediately with "If I were You." "If I could always be Miss Congeniality, no one could stand to be away from me," declares Lang.

Lang's "Ingenu" album from 1992, which earned her a Grammy for the classic "Constant Craving," captivates in one way, while this new offering does so in quite another. There's a groove throughout this album, and a certain playfulness, not to mention a definite sexual theme. "Kiss away the ones who say the lust you feel is wrong, how bad could it be if you amuse yourself with me?" asks Lang in one of my favorite tracks, "Sexuality." I'm reminded of "Just Keep Me Movin'," from Lang's last album, the soundtrack from "Even Cowgirls Get the Blues," when I hear the new song "Get Some." It's k.d. Lang, and you can dance to it.

Lang would be a good spokesperson for Maine Won't Discriminate with the song "Acquiesce." "These immoral questions, this trial of faith that we go through. Fuel of our oppression is the fuel of freedom too," seems to be Lang's first musical commentary on the issue

of gay rights.

The order of song's on this album was surely well thought over as each track takes us deeper and deeper into Lang's world that is now more bold, See EAT, page 21

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## EDITORIAL or whatever

Hello again. Well, this is the second month of **Our Voice**, and I will say it is going well. I don't really have anything to whine or complain about this month so I guess you can feel lucky. As I hope you have

noticed, we have our own special cartoon! Cool beans. Anyway, If you have any ideas on what to call this section, PLEASE send them in along with any writing, drawings or photographs! ANYTHING that has to do with gay youth. I guess I'm done now... time for bed.

I apologize for any mistakes in this section, but it's around 1:00 AM and I have school tomorrow.

Bye for now! Sage

## Letter to the Editor- Our Voice

Dear Sage,

Since you go to my school and I know you've been through a lot of problems, I thought that you might be the one to talk to.

I'm gay and I've known it since 3rd grade, but I've always been too afraid of what would happen if I came out. I did take a chance and told a close friend and nothing has happened yet, but there still is that need, urge, to stop acting like someone I'm not. I don't want to have to feel like I have to talk about breast sizes in the locker room. My male friends are also asking question because I haven't gone out with a girl since 6th grade.

Also, I want my parents to know me for me, but they are religious and I don't know what would happen if they knew. I don't like hiding but I see no other way. Help.

Signed: A lost soul.

Dear Lost soul,

I really don't know what to tell you. The coming out process is a lot longer than just a "I'm here and I'm as queer as a three dollar bill!" You have to come out to yourself and accept yourself before you can expect others to accept and respect you. In ways, I'm still coming out. In different ways at different times you will come out.

Now, on coming out to your friends and parents, I suggest talking about homosexuality with them first. Asking them what they think of it. You can even use the mystery friend excuse "I have a friend and..." If you get a response you like, then that person might be someone who you might want to come out to. Just be careful who knows. Try to make sure they are trustworthy so as to avoid being outed. Besides that, I don't know. You need to find the way for yourself, but you shouldn't have to keep hiding. And you parents should love you just because you are you and you are their kid. Flesh and blood. Being gay shouldn't matter. Sometimes it does, sometimes it doesn't. I wish you the best of luck, and that you find happiness.

## REVIEWS

### Music:

by J.N., South Portland

### "Take Me Higher" by Diana Ross...

Diana Ross has come back with her 21st solo album, "Take Me Higher." She remakes the 1979 classic, "I Will Survive," and covers a Babyface song, "Keep It Right There." The "lost diva" finally returns to her R & B roots. She even has a hit single with the title track. Check it out.

"Take Me Higher" \*\*\*1/2

### Book:

### Am I Blue? edited by Marion Dane Bauer

This book of short stories about coming out, or realizing your gay, is wonderfully written and colorfully descriptive. Funny, but also moving at the same time. The stories make you think, and remember times gone by. "Am I Blue?" \*\*\*1/2

Seen any good movies lately?  
Write 'em up and send them in!

## Survey Results

by Sage H-L

I have just completed a survey that I administered (by asking questions) to different people throughout Deering High School. I also tried reaching Portland High School, but my calls weren't answered.

I interviewed six young women who attend Deering (no men would volunteer to be interviewed), they each gave varied responses to all my questions which were the same for everyone.

Question: "Do you think the gay 'life-style' is a normal 'life style?'"

"I don't really have a definition of normal," said Amanda Johnson, "But knowing as many gay people as I do, I would consider it normal."

Kim Fullerton said, "Yeah. Well, not normal to a so called perfect world."

"I think the life-style you choose is normal to you. It may differ from what other life-styles are, but everyone can't be the same," said D. Moss.

Question: "Do you think homosexuality is wrong?"

"It's everyone's right to be gay or lesbian or bi. Homosexuality has been around for thousands of years. The ancient Greeks didn't say you can't be Greek now because your gay," said D. Moss

Question: If you had a friend who comes out to you, would you continue to be their friend or would you think of them differently?

"I would still be their friend and I would think of them as a very brave person," responded Tara Foley.

"I wouldn't think of them any differently. They would become better friends. Better asset to my shopping needs," said Kim.

"From my experience," said D. Moss, "I would stick by my friend and help him/her through relations and being taunted. Friendship is more than just about beliefs, it's about a feeling."

Amanda said, "I would still be their friend, but I would think of them differently. I wouldn't discriminate against them, but I would still feel different about them because things wouldn't be the same. I don't know why I feel this way."

Question: Do you know anyone who is gay, lesbian or bisexual? If so, what do you think of this person?

Tara answered, "The person I know is brave and puts up with too much shit, is a little sweetie and has a nice mind, heart and soul."

"Yes, several. These people are

nice. They are my friends, and what they do behind closed doors doesn't change anything," said D. Moss

"Yes," said Shyla Cameron, "Kind hearted, understanding, all around cool person with the best shoes!"

"I think they express their feelings better than a straight person would," said Amanda.

Question: Do you think Deering High is homophobic?

"Yes I do," said Shyla, "I actually think it's disgusting."

"Deering has a minimal acceptance for gays and lesbians," said D. Moss.

Question: Are you supportive of "gay rights?"

"Yeah, I am," says Amanda, "but I don't think they should have special rights. Just equal rights. Everyone is equal and their rights should be too."

Is there anything else you would like to say?

"The gay community is strong, but weak when it wants special rights. In a way it is an abuse of power. The ones who want special rights should be satisfied with equal rights instead of oppression," said D. Moss.

Also, last year in Deering's school paper, Ramblings, Jonathan Volk did an article about Deering and its homophobia. I also asked him a few questions.

Why did you write the article?

"I attended the sexuality seminars and after what happened to one of the speakers, I saw a need to write it."

What, if any, response did you get from the student population in Deering?

"There is defiantly a large amount of supportive students. A lot of support and a few people who are homophobic, and a few who are ignorant enough to act on it."

My personal view on all of this is different. After I was outed by another student last year, I was verbally harassed and even beaten at times. It is much better this year. What I didn't realize is that kids aren't going to just give their individual support, but will give it if their group gives it. It is sad that it works this way, but it still is better than no support at all.

How do you feel about these questions and responses? Write in! **OUR VOICE**, Community Pride Reporter, 142 High Street, Suite #623, Portland, Maine 04101.



## C.K. & Crisco

by S.H.L., Portland

Last Friday when I was still ill and possibly dying (I don't know), my friend Dara brutally beat me into going to Freeport with her after school since she had just gotten her licence. So, after being beaten to a bloody pulp (not really, but oh well), I got into her car and we took off at the fast speed of 25 miles per hour to Freeport. On the way she had the volume all the way up and I was forced to listen to music I hate with a passion.

On the way she told me that there was a Calvin Klein outlet near L.L. Bean, and as you've probably guessed, I freaked out. Calvin Klein... the greatest designer of underwear the world has ever known, has an outlet in Freeport! So, I flung my arms up in the air and screamed, "hurray!"

When we got there and parked, I pretty much dragged Dara across two streets and an intersection by the flannel tied around her waist.

I got to the doors. The glass glittered in the sun and I could already smell the CKone that had been sprayed all through the air. I opened the door and I was hit with the wave of the strong scent while trendy salespersons looked up from their clothes folding (like they were worthy enough to touch those luscious fabrics). I walked through the first floor which was all women's clothing and then I saw the stairs and saw the sign... "MEN'S."

After dashing up the stairs in 2.5 seconds, Dara came trotting up, but obviously didn't comprehend the concept of the temple we were in, I danced through the islands of clothes, and then

I saw it. The wall. But not just any wall. The wall of ultimate power. The wall that controlled any kind of support in a man's crotch. The wall of underwear... All the different kinds... My estrogen level shot up and increased by 90%. I sank down to my knees and marveled, gawking at the glimmering aura before me.

After drooling there for a good fifteen minutes, Dara finally (after many failed attempts) pulled me down the stairs and out the door, but not before I could give the store a loving, good-bye kiss.

So, now with me sulking, we went to Friendly's to eat fat. After we ordered two orange freezey things and a large fries, we tested our I.Q. on those triangular peg things. We tried tirelessly to get the pegs down to one, and by the time the food came we decided we were both dumb.

As I was enjoying my frozen orange drink and the plate of grease that Friendly's calls fries, Dara told me an interesting fact that I really didn't care to know.

"When they make the fries, the melt a big block of Crisco and cook the fries in it. So when you eat the fries the Crisco is grease, but when it gets into your veins, it cools down and turns back into Crisco."

Yes, that is exactly what my queer little heart wanted to hear. Instead of blood, it would be pumping Crisco. So, after we payed and were walking back to the car, I was hitting my chest to make sure my heart was still beating.

We got into the car and began the drive home. Smelling like perfume, crisco in the veins, and the sun in our eyes. ΔΔ

## A Poem

"Why?"

by Vanessa Morgan

Why does love have a gender?  
Why does love have a color?  
How can I be free to discover  
While a lot of them seek to oppress?

I'll be the first to let them be who they want to be.

The first to reply when they prod and question me.

I don't mind if they can't love what they see.

But, ask them after they've actually met me.

If I'm a good friend, then mixed messages then may be sent.

I'll go on loving like I do,  
Some will continue to try to black and blue

The very soul that dwells inside of you.  
They will become enraged when they can't fade it, or make it tattooed.  
But, their needles won't break through the epidermis of me and you.

All of the shocking taboos  
That are no longer hidden, no longer forbidden.

And some see that what we are today  
Is what we've been for so long,  
on the dimension of the sexual continuum.

## An introduction to "Livermore Falls"

Welcome to the wonderful world of Livermore Falls. This cartoon strip is no ordinary piece of work. Livermore Falls may be an actual town in Maine, but when deciding upon the strip's title, the co-creator, Sage H-L, agreed that it sounded real and somehow "worked."

Some characters are fairly realistic, yet some are truly exaggerated. But who cares? It's a freakin' cartoon and the weirder the better. The following is the cast of characters. Throughout the issues, you'll eventually familiarize yourself with each and every one of them!

Bethany Roe-wears glasses, is mature and a real journalist. She's constantly wishing she was a little more exciting.

Larry Silvers-he's... the pimp. He drives a light yellow 1980 El Dorado, is always looking for employees and clients. Everyone knows when this sleazy guy comes around when his license plate, PMPMBL, comes into view.

Chloe Greene-no one has more air between their ears than her! She's got short, blond hair and wears extravagant clothes. You can't miss her!

Justin Harris-he's way too cool for everyone (or so he thinks). This super-human has blond hair and a corny grin.

Stephanie Beaudoph-ummm... bitch! Everyone loves to hate this teen model. She bites everyone's head off and wears clothes the size of a thimble.

Hancock Benson-he's the school jerk'n'jock. Clowns around and never shuts up. Look for the "Absolut" shirts! That's him!

Charlotte Bingham-Ahh. Sweet, pristine, innocent little Charlotte. This little cutie only wears white.

Biff Richards-don't get this football jock mad! His I.Q. may be identical to his age, but he knows how to make pulp!

Ben Furlong-he's an embarrassment to rap and everyone! What a freak! Oy!

Gabriel Johnston-he's out of the closet and rarin' to go! Notice the great hair and his sense of style!

Eva "Aurora" Borealis-raver alert! She comes complete with pig tails, tiny tee, and a butterscotch lolly!

Bonnie Lawrence- You will her saying "I'm so fat!" the most. Never fails! This cheerleader can be caught fighting with Brady about who's more underweight. Talk about obnoxious!

Brady Lincoln-Brady's new to the area, and not only Eva's love interest, but secretly Gabriel's too! He bears an nifty black cap and fawns over Bananarama.

Uma "Digits" Sebastian-cyber punk overload. When she's not gabbing on AOL or faxing someone, she's talking cybertalk.

I hope you enjoy Livermore Falls as much as we did making it. Convert to a different kind of comic-for as Bethany would say, "Normal is boring. Get Abnormal."  
-Dara

## Nightingale in the rain

Anonymous

The bell rang and Kyle got up to leave. He refused to go to his locker in fear of being harassed. He had his coat with him all day and he buttoned it as he left school.

The rain was falling fast and furious. It was a cold rain. Colder than the hand no one would hold. He walked home already drenched by the rain. Its weight on him was like the weight of the pain of rejection. He

was rejected. As he crossed the street he heard a voice, a sweet voice, one of caring, not rejection. Forest ran up behind him and asked Kyle if he wanted company for a while.

They walked to Kyle's house and Forest knew something was wrong. They sat on the couch and talked. "I got called fag and queer again today. Punched, too, and the school isn't doing anything about it," Kyle said

"God, I'm sorry hon." Forest spoke with care. "And if my parents ever find out I'm gay, they'll kill me."

"Come here," Forest said. "Your my boyfriend and I'm not going to let anything bad happen to you anymore."

Kyle cried and rested in Forest's loving arms while the rain fell and a car pulled up in the driveway with a bumper sticker saying, "My kid is an honored student at Noble High..."  
To be continued? ΔΔ





## Chew on This: Standing your ground



by Rose Mary Denman

"Standing your ground." This is one of the governing tenets of Buddhism that I learned while living in a Buddhist community for a year. In fact, one was not considered ready for "ordination" until it was evident that one could "stand one's ground."

I think this is a good tenet for any of us to attempt to adhere to, regardless of religious affiliation... and it is an ideal toward which I strive, even though I am no longer a member of a Buddhist community.

Think about it for a moment. "Standing your ground" means not allowing ourselves to be swayed by the pressures to conform, pressures that assault us from what would appear to be every direction at times. It means getting clear on what's important and what can be compromised. It means being still long enough to begin to know our own hearts and minds enough so that we can "stand our ground." It also means being willing to take risks.

Someone once gave me a postcard with a picture on it of a group of penguins standing on the edge of a cliff. One little fellow has just leapt off; the others are just standing there, almost as if they are watching to see what will happen to their friend before they make any decisions about going over the edge. I keep

this postcard where I can see it often throughout the day. It reminds me of how I have chosen to live in an increasingly intentional manner each day.

My experience has been that living intentionally is rarely easy. There's an old saying that "The road to hell is paved with good intentions." That's not the kind of intentions to which I'm referring. You know what I mean - "I always intended to take a helium balloon ride..." the kind of intention that was simply a wisp of fantasy. I'm referring to the kind of intention which is born from within our very center, the kind of intention that is backed by the willingness to go to whatever length necessary to see the fulfillment of that intention, the kind of intention that takes not only heart, but also a strong will.

I recently listened to a tape by Carolyn Myss in which she stated that if we make choices which are incongruent with what we believe as truth, it will eventually lead to sickness and disease. I believe this statement wholeheartedly. Whenever I have failed to "stand my ground" on an issue that held great importance to me, it has often led to sleepless nights, getting into the wrong kinds of food, feeling stressed and, eventually, to a cold, the flu, allergy flare-ups or major headaches.

Slowly I am learning that it is best to simply stand my ground. In the long run, it's certainly the easiest, most productive way to live. It is also beginning to feel like the most freeing.  $\Delta\Delta$

## OUT OF TOWN!



by Paul T. Bernard

I recently had the opportunity to attend a day-long seminar in Boston on gay/lesbian travel. It was conducted by The Marketing Department, a San Francisco marketing company that deals with gay businesses. The seminar was attended by about 60 travel agents from all over New England. What surprised me the most was that over 75% of those who attended were not gay, but were interested in marketing to the gay and lesbian market.

At the beginning of the seminar, each person told about themselves, giving a description of their experience with the gay/lesbian market. I told the group that 40% of my business was with gays and lesbians. One of the agents attending was an agent from Bangor. When she heard me give the statistics about my business, she came over to talk to me. She said that she knew she had gay clients but didn't know how to reach them or what to offer them. I told her that she was making the first step by attending the seminar and that she would learn how to identify her gay clients and what kinds of products and services to offer them.

I came away from that seminar

amazed at how "main-stream" the gay travel market has become. In addition to seminars on gay travel, many of the major travel trade newspapers have been featuring the gay/lesbian travel market. Later this month, I will be attending the 2nd National Gay/Lesbian Travel Trade Show in San Francisco. I hope to come home with a lot of new ideas, brochures, and programs for gay/lesbian travel. Next month's column will be devoted to that.

### SHORT-TAKES:

**ANOTHER FARE WAR:** As this article was being written, another airfare war was being announced. Fares were cut by 40% with travel allowed until February 28. Expect to see airfare wars

about every two weeks until the end of the year.

**FALL TRAVEL SPECIALS:** Fall is a great time for travel. It's usually a slow time for the airlines and hotels so they offer a lot of specials. TNT and GVW offer lots of specials to the Caribbean this time of year. These specials are available until Christmas, when the prices start to go back up for the winter. Speaking of the Caribbean, things are starting to get back to normal after the hurricanes. St. Thomas is hoping to be back in business by the end of the year. St. Martin wasn't so lucky - although the tourist facilities expect to be back in business by the end of the year, almost 35% of the island's residents are without housing. And this won't be corrected for some time.  $\Delta\Delta$

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## ACTION ALERT issued by DC AIDS Action Council

### Dismantling of Medicaid by Congress sparks outcry!

by Winnie Weir, Managing Editor

Mark Barnes, executive director of AIDS Action Council, the only national organization solely dedicated to shaping federal AIDS policy, issued a strong statement this week calling the reform of Medicaid "deadly." The council, with headquarters in Washington DC, represents more than 1,000 community-based AIDS service organizations in the United States.

"If ever a case could be made for the federal government's role in guaranteeing health care coverage," said Barnes, "it could be made in the waiting rooms of community clinics around the country. It is in these noisy waiting rooms, often full beyond capacity, that most of this country's medically needy — the elderly, children, and people with disabilities, including HIV disease — sit and wait, knowing that even if they face

a long wait, at least they are guaranteed that the wait is for quality medical care under Medicaid."

Barnes noted that in clinic waiting rooms from 20 to 100 percent of the patients rely on Medicaid. He said further, "that people with AIDS sit and wait, thankful that because a safety net exists to catch those Americans who cannot afford medical care, they do not have to choose between treating opportunistic infections and paying rent or buying groceries."

According to opponents of the block grant proposal, large sums of taxpayer dollars in the range of \$100 billion per year, would be given to states in the form of block grants without any guarantee that states receiving that money will provide people with chronic serious illness, including HIV disease, needed medical care.

In concluding his statement, Barnes said, "Maintaining a safety net

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more free, and really uplifting. "This was a dance, smiling with desire, this was romance's burning fire," a line from "World of Love" seems like a simpler, lighter rendition of many of Ingenue's words. Lang is just telling us how it is, without the desperation this time. One of my favorite songs on "All You Can Eat" is the slow one, "Infinite and Unforeseen," in which simple words take on a new meaning with Lang's incredible singing voice. "After always, love becomes a dream-infinite and unforeseen," repeats the song.

This track is followed up by the album's closer, the catchy, groovin' "I Want it All." Lang belts out everything she wants out of a relationship, both the healthy and the slightly obsessive, all of which goes through the mind of anyone in the "pining for someone" mode. "All the illusion, all of the truth, all the con-

fusion, all the proof, all the pleasure, all the pain, all I am losing, all I will gain" are among some of what she wants according to this song.

Kathy Dawn Lang continues to evolve as an artist. "All You Can Eat," although a bit on the short side at about 36 minutes, is a catchy, enjoyable album, with a very cool cover. (See for yourself.) I happened to catch her on David Letterman recently and she told Dave that she'll be touring sometime after the new year. I for one have never seen her perform live, but with the addition of this new batch of songs to her already diverse repertoire, it will surely be a show not to be missed. As for the title, "All You Can Eat," I have absolutely no idea why she called it that, but is it any more silly than the title of Melissa Etheridge's forthcoming album, "Your Little Secret?" It's the music that will carry this album.  $\Delta\Delta$

## Book from page 16

an affair (his first with a woman) that culminates in his proposal of marriage.

Edward has been kept in the dark about Brian's change of heart, of course, but senses that something has gone gravely wrong. During the week-end of Brian's proposal to Philippa, Edward chances on Brian's journal, learns of Brian's betrayal, and in retaliation signs up to go fight in Spain. Brian, jolted into acknowledgment of his true nature by Philippa's urbane but definite refusal, returns to an ominously tidied and empty apartment. He manages to get to Spain, and the story continues to its tragic close.

Throughout the novel Leavitt deftly uses the London Underground to symbolize the imagination and its complicated workings. Brian Botsford's fascination with the Underground tunnels and stations echo Leavitt's own, as he tells us in the introduction. Leavitt also attempts to create atmosphere using pe-

riod details and dialog, but with mixed success. The tone of some of the dialog sounds staged and clashes with the novel's serious message, and occasional Americanisms slip in. The narrator sounds most genuine when talking about his later life in Los Angeles — tired and disillusioned. The Stephen Spender controversy will doubtless tempt many readers to try to identify thirties literary luminaries among the book's characters, and there's ample material for speculation.

An uncompromising look at betrayal — of self, country, and lovers — this novel offers no easy salvation for its hero. It is an ambitious attempt to give readers a look at an England that vanished long ago, and to limn the life and loves of a man who, unlike us, was not from a "generation that came of age after psychoanalysis, 'Lady Chatterly's Lover,' and the Stonewall riots."  $\Delta\Delta$

## The Story from page 16

keep it together enough to write songs and to believe in herself during a time she refers to as "the abyss." "I think that's why this album is so much deeper for me and riskier in a way because I was going through all that," she explained. It sounds like the dreaded cliché of having to go through pain and suffering to grow is true.

One thing that evidently hasn't changed is the support of the fans. Brooke said that so far audiences have been great. "That's the lifeline."

As far as what's in a name? "Eventually I plan to lose 'The Story' name, but when I first came up with it, it was with the idea that it would encompass any form the band took over the years," said Brooke. Although she does realize that most fans know "The Story" better than just her name, over time this too will evolve and Jonatha Brooke will still be doing her thing.

The show at Raoul's, although not

well attended (typical for Portland) was a great means of showing off the new album as well as the new band. Ingrid Graudins' vocals, which also are on the album, are very nice. Also in the band is Jeff Pevar on guitar who just recently started playing with The Story. Drummer Abe Laboriel is also on both the album and on tour as is Jeff Pevar. Alain Mallet and Mike Revard have been playing and recording with Brooke for years. The 14 song set featured many new songs, including my personal favorite, "Inconsolable," as well as tunes from the previous two albums.

Jonatha Brooke is a very warm person with a sense of humor and not an ounce of that ridiculous "famous musician" attitude. It was great to talk with her before the show and to watch her play live. Maybe the tour will bring them back to Maine or to New Hampshire. Until then, check out "Plumb" on "Blue Thumb" records.  $\Delta\Delta$

## Books on Review

## Winter's Light - Reflections of a Yankee Queer

Author: John Preston

Publisher: University Press of New England

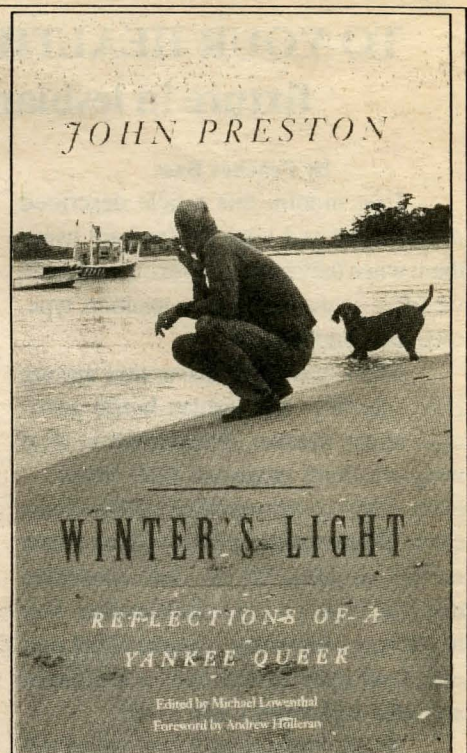
Cost: \$19.95

by Rose Mary Denman

"Winter's Light" is a book about a man who searched for and found a place to call home, a place big enough to hold all his dreams and hopes, yet small enough to hold those dreams and hopes gently. This book is a sharing of a soul seeking to find acceptance and a place to belong. It's about keeping one foot in each of two camps; of looking to be one of the guys at the barber shop or post office, while at the same time working to be an authentic voice for the gay community.

"Medfield (MA) was a town where a boy knew what it meant to belong . . . but I had begun to leave while I was still in high school . . . I stopped trying to fit my life into Medfield. I turned my back on it. I belonged to a new world now, one that spun around New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Provincetown," wrote Preston. After tasting life in the big cities, Preston moved to Maine. He lived in Portland from 1979 until 1994, when he died of complications from AIDS.

During those fifteen years, Preston sought to make a place for himself and succeeded. Perhaps the most touching affirmation he received came soon after he had made his AIDS diagnosis public. "The next day I went to the post office to pick up my mail. The men moved to the side and waved me over. One of them asked, 'Is it true, what we heard on the radio?' Yes, I told them.



There was a minute's silence and I wondered what was going to come next. 'Shit, we all gotta die, John, but it must be hell to be standing on the tracks, watching the locomotive coming with your name on it.' That was all. It was enough . . ." (pg. 162).

Another title for this book might have been "Bridging the Gap." Through his reflections, Preston, indeed, bridged those gaps between gay and straight, love and hate, the need for a metropolitan lifestyle with the hunger for small town life. He does Portland, Maine AND the gay community proud with his gentle musings about the ability of its people to see beyond labels and into the heart.

"Winter's Light" is a book of adult bedtime stories . . . a reflection upon the good that is to be found in others, a gentle light in what often feels like a cold, harsh winter.  $\Delta\Delta$



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## TO YOUR HEALTH: Dental dams now a fixture in lesbian culture-Part II

by Peaches Bass

Last month, this article described dental dams and why lesbians are using them when they have oral sex. This month we focus on the issues of acquisition, type, care and handling, etc.

There has been discussion among HIV educators and lesbian health advocates about whether certain kinds of food wrap are more protective than others — plain versus microwaveable, colors versus clear. There is some obscure research data on this, actually, but no clear consensus that one product is better than another. I've heard many favorable remarks about colored food wrap, just because it's different and adds a personal touch to sex.

Some dental supply companies sell the latex barriers on a rolled sheet, like plastic food wrap, which allows the user to cut the dam at the desired length.

You've probably noticed that dental dams aren't out on Maine's drug store shelves along with contraceptives or "feminine hygiene" products. So where, exactly, can you buy dental dams? Well, if you feel bold enough, ask your dentist. (If you have a crush on your dentist or hygienist, this may be the opportunity you've been waiting for!)

Many medical and dental supply companies carry dental dams, which you may have to purchase in bulk from a warehouse. The problem with stocking up on latex dams is that dams, like condoms, need to be stored away from moisture, light, heat, and cold, and even then, latex tends to naturally deteriorate as it ages. Six to twelve months is the recommended maximum shelf life for latex condoms, and the same probably applies to dams. If you decide to make a bulk purchase, which would certainly lower the cost per dam, consider forming a little buying collective with some friends.

In Maine, you can buy dams at condom stores like Condom Sense, and at some family planning and STD clinics. You can also get them from the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center in Bangor and from AIDS organizations in some parts of the state. Call the AIDS Hotline to find the clinic or AIDS organization near you, and "Community Pride Reporter" has a listing of all the Maine AIDS Alliance organizations.

Dams can be mail ordered from a variety of sources that advertise in lesbian magazines. An interesting product, called Oradam, is advertised in the January '95 issue of "On Our Backs." It fits over the mouth like a surgical mask, but with a little pouch for the tongue. They cost \$7.50 for a box of three, plus \$3 postage. At that price, you may want to just go to the grocery store and get plastic wrap.

An excellent dam called Glyde Dams "lollyes" is made in Malaysia, and sold in bulk in Australia. Lollyes are very thin and smooth, and at 6" X 8", a little bigger. Call The AIDS Project (207-774-6877) to find out how to order them.

What happens if your last dam has just split up the middle and you are ready to go down on your lover? Well, you can run into the kitchen and reach for that roll of plastic wrap, or take the condom you

were given at that AIDS conference last month, cut it open up the side and use it flat as a mini-dam.

If the idea of using a dental dam grosses you out, but you want to have sex more safely, there are some suggestions for making dams more fun, sexy and pleasurable. Put a little bit of water-based lubricant on the skin side of the dam. It creates a 'slidy' feeling that a lot of women like. As mentioned earlier, you can get them in different flavors, and like food wrap, different colors. If your love-making is going to involve more than one act of oral sex, using different colors can help you distinguish between one partner's dam and another's, which is important for hygiene and STD prevention.

Some women are turned on by the texture, odor, or taste of latex rubber, and the dam can be used as a stimulating fetish. Using a dam can help a woman focus on her genitals, especially the sensitive clitoris. When the clit is sucked through a dam, it can be extremely arousing for some women. Using a dam as a barrier for rimming can increase the pleasure for those who enjoy oral-anal stimulation but may feel squeamish about it.

There are some lesbian sex videos that depict erotic uses of dental dams and plastic wrap. "Current Flow," can be obtained from Gay Men's Health Crisis of New York City, and "Safe Is Desire" can be ordered from Blush Entertainment of San Francisco. "Clips," also from Blush Entertainment, shows two women using a condom as a dam. All of these videos are produced by lesbians (or AIDS organizations) for a lesbian audience.

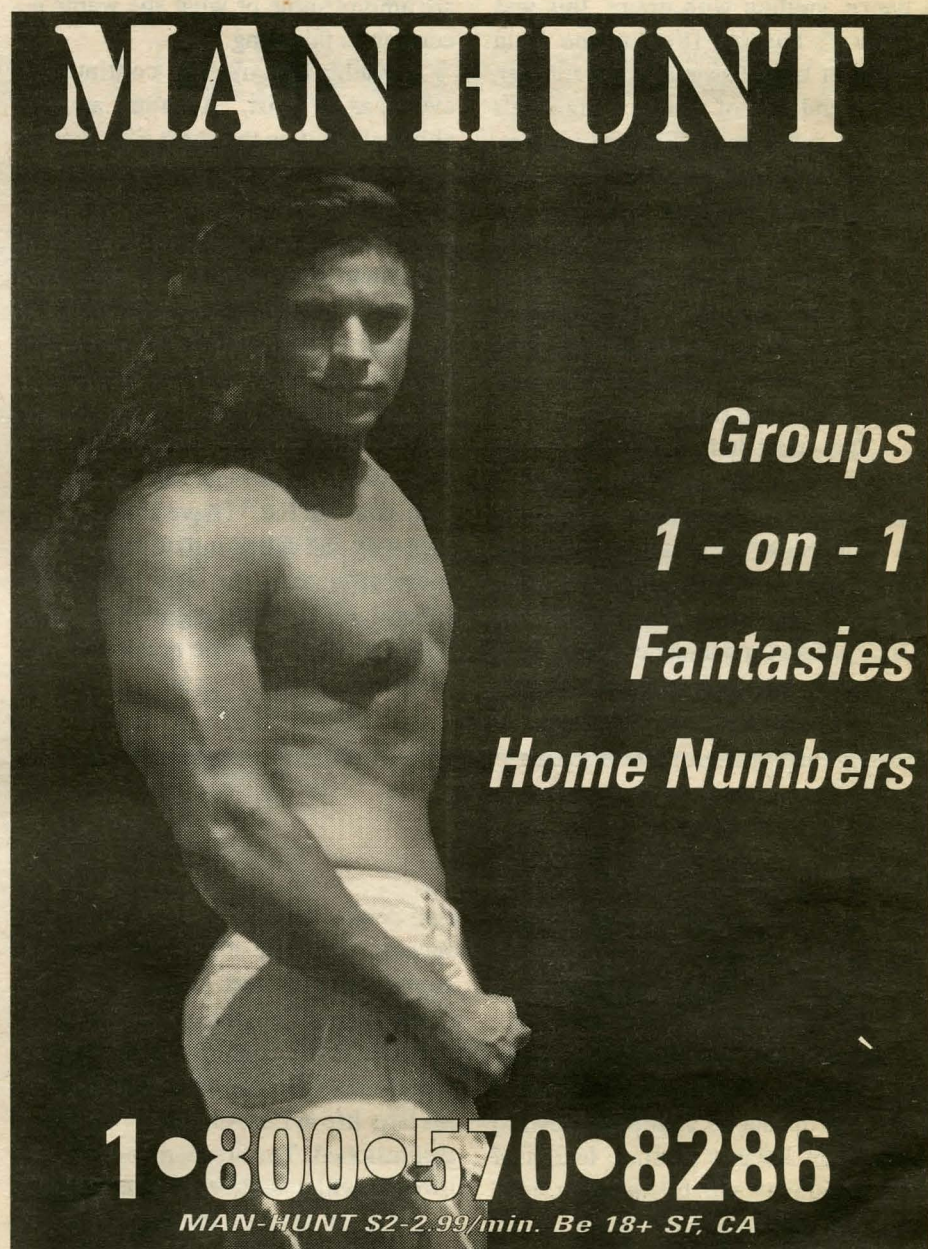
It is fair to say that using a dam may not be enjoyable for everybody, so it's important to be open-minded about various ways to feel good when having sex. We all have to find ways of love-making that are safe, comfortable, and pleasurable for ourselves and our partner(s). If oral sex is too risky for you and you hate dental dams, than experiment with other sexual activities.

Dental dams are not a substitute for good hygiene, nor are they an absolute guarantee of protection from STDs. We still have to follow healthy guidelines, including open communication with sex partners about health and safer sex. Using a dental dam is only one of many safer sex techniques.

For more information about dental dams, contact your nearest AIDS organization, the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center (207-947-5337), or the AIDS Hotline (1-800-851-2437). They can provide safer sex brochures for women who have sex with other women.

*This article was adapted from an article that previously appeared in the February, 1989 issue of "Our Paper."*

(Editor's Note: With the submission of this article, Peaches Bass is taking a well-deserved break from her writing duties with CPR. We are going to miss her candid and informative articles which have appeared regularly for over two years. Thank you, Peaches, for your gift to the community and for your support of CPR. The door is always open.) ΔΔ



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## Dramatic Increase in anti-gay hate crimes in Maine

OutLOUD Against Discrimination holds press conference at Portland Police HQ



Joseph Piergrossi, Jr. hosted the OutLOUD Against Discrimination press conference, Thursday, September 28 to bring attention to the dramatic increase in gay bashings throughout Maine.



All Balboni photos

Mark Dion, Deputy Chief for the Portland Police, said there have been 42 anti-gay bias crimes in Portland so far this year. He added, "My purpose today in speaking is to remind those in the opposition that hate crimes are not a fantasy or fabrication. This is in fact an awful nightmare for those who have to experience them."

Larry St. Pierre described an incident outside PJ's in Augusta, July 15. He said he saw a man push another man and when he asked why he was told "because he's a fucking faggot." St. Pierre said, "They then proceeded to attack me. There were three of them. I had my nose broken, my ribs were bruised, I was bleeding all over the place. . . the police did not prosecute them. The only help I received was through the Attorney General's office. They got a restraining order against these three guys." If Question 1 passes, we won't even be able to do that."



Karen Geraghty, president of the Maine Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance, listed the numerous hate crimes in Maine involving gay people. Brunswick, Farmington, Southwest harbor, Ogunquit, Augusta and Portland were among the communities in which brutal assaults were perpetrated against gay people.



William Clarke described the attack on him outside Blackstones in Portland. Clarke added that the attitude of the Grand jury investigating the crime was very disturbing. He said, "They were more interested in how drunk was I or was it my fault, they were blaming me . . . they only charged them with a misdemeanor. . . I registered to vote and I will vote no on Question 1."



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for poor and disabled Americans should be the guiding force in shaping Medicaid's future. It remains to be seen whether that goal can be accomplished by retaining Medicaid's entitlement status; by maintaining adequate federal funding for Medicaid; by imposing strict conditions on the state to guarantee treatment for people with epidemic infectious diseases like AIDS and tuberculosis, and other serious disease conditions; or by presidential determination in a veto for the Medicaid block grant bill. What is clear is that the AIDS community cannot afford to have a wait-and-see attitude about Medicaid. Instead, we must

fight now, through grassroots pressure and Congressional lobbying, to sustain the vital Medicaid safety net. The cost of doing nothing would be measured in lost lives."

Maine would lose \$236 million in Federal Medicaid funding in 2002 and \$675 million over seven years. This is a 22% reduction in the year 2002 alone, according to the Urban Institute. According to this study, these cuts would mean that Maine could have to cut off coverage for 34,000 recipients in 2002, likely adding them to the ranks of the uninsured, according to a White House press release. Currently, 177,000 Mainer's receive Medicaid assistance.



Photo by Tom Jones Studio Brunswick,

Martina Navratilova, tennis champion, came to Maine to fight against the anti-gay referendum. She held a press briefing, October 13, and hosted a conference on homophobia in sports in South Portland the following day. Navratilova is a resident of Aspen, Colorado, which has a local law protecting the civil rights of gays and lesbians. Colorado's Amendment 2, which would overturn Aspen's ordinance, is now before the U.S. Supreme Court. She said that few people in Colorado took Amendment 2 seriously thinking it would never pass. She's in Maine to help avoid such complacency. One reporter commented that she has lost millions of dollars in product endorsement contracts because she is a lesbian. Martina corrected this impression by saying, "It's not because I'm a lesbian, it's because I'm an out lesbian."

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